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Lt. Nitai Shefts, (IDF Spokesman)

Air force strikes in Lebanon after IDF officer killed

ALON PINKAS

AIR force attack helicopters struck Hizbullah positions early yesterday morning in the Jabal Tsaifi region north of the security zone.

The strike came after a day of escalated fighting in south Lebanon, in which 10 roadside bombs were discovered near the village of Taibeh. While dismantling one of the bombs Tuesday, an IDF officer, Lt. Nitai Shefts, 23, was killed when he stepped on a detonating spring. Another soldier was wounded in the explosion.

Shefts, of Kibbutz Nahshon, was in the Combat Engineers bomb dismantling and defusing unit. His South African-born parents were on a trip in their native country and were notified of the death only yesterday afternoon.

Shefts will be buried at Kibbutz Nahshon tomorrow morning.

Army sources said the recent upsurge in Hizbullah activities is attributable to the deadlock in the talks between Israel and Syria. A Northern Command source said he did not believe Tuesday's multiple attacks were linked to the hijacked Iranian jet.

"Planting 10 roadside bombs takes time. When they were planted no one knew about the Iranian jet," he said.



Dudu Arad (left), the brother of missing airman Ron Arad, and his mother, Batya, secure a banner calling for Ron's release to the stairs of the hijacked Iranian Boeing 707 yesterday. The plane took off last night and returned to Teheran. (Reuters)

Iranian airliner returns to Teheran; hijacker to be handed to Red Cross

ALON PINKAS

ISRAEL allowed the hijacked Iranian passenger plane to leave Uvda Air Force Base for Teheran last night, with all of its occupants except the hijacker.

The Kish Air Boeing 707, which landed here Tuesday morning, took off from Uvda at 7:22 p.m., and was escorted by two air force jets for the duration of the flight over Israeli air space. The plane headed northwest to the Mediterranean, north to Turkey, and then eastwards to Iran.

The veteran airliner landed in Teheran around midnight Iranian time, but passengers were not allowed to leave the airport, sources in Teheran told the Associated Press. Passengers and crew were taken to an empty terminal used only for special flights, the sources said.

The hijacker, Jabari Rizah, a 30-year-old flight attendant, will be brought today before the Eilat Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing. Israel will most likely reject his request for political asylum, but will not extradite him to Iran. According to a Foreign Ministry international law department official, Rizah will probably be handed over to the International Red Cross.

"I assume [the Red Cross] will not send him

back to Iran, because although he clearly committed an act of terrorism, sending him back would expose him to torture and condemn him to death. I think the Red Cross would assist him in finding an alternative asylum venue," the official said.

Israel did not grant political asylum to the five passengers who had requested it Tuesday, and they embarked the plane last night together with the other 169 passengers.

The plane's departure was scheduled for late yesterday morning, but a problem with the door covering the landing gear was discovered as passengers were boarding. Repairs were performed by technicians throughout the afternoon. Immediately prior to takeoff last night, a minor engine problem was also detected and fixed.

The departure was cleared by the security cabinet yesterday morning. In a special session held at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office in Jerusalem, a unanimous decision was reached to release the jet, the passengers and the cargo. The cabinet also issued a general condemnation of air piracy and hijacking, and said the release of the plane demonstrated Israel's compliance

with international treaties "despite the Iranian regime's hostility toward Israel."

Earlier in the day, Batya Arad, the mother of missing navigator Ron Arad, and his brother Dudu, arrived in Uvda and met with the passengers.

Arad handed the passengers brochures describing her son's nine-year ordeal and the efforts to determine his whereabouts, as well as Iran's complicity in his fate.

"I speak to you as a mother to mothers. Please do not be ashamed or scared to relay my request to your government," Batya Arad told Iranian women, with the help of an interpreter.

Arad and her son later covered the jet's doors and parts of the fuselage with blue "Free Ron Arad" stickers. A large banner bearing the "Free Ron Arad" slogan was also hung between two mobile escalators leading to the plane's door.

Iran yesterday denounced Israel's interrogation of the passengers as a conspiracy against the Islamic republic. Reuters reported.

Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, interrupted by chants of "Death to Israel," told parliament that it was a disgrace that Israel was using the passengers to seek information on Arad.

House hearing on PLO compliance with Oslo accord hears 'Jihad' tape

SUPPORTERS

and opponents of US aid to the Palestinians clashed yesterday at a House International Relations Committee hearing on PLO compliance with the Oslo accords.

The hearing was unusual in that the witness list was dominated by other congressmen - including three who are members of the very committee they appeared before - and Jewish community officials on both sides of the debate over whether proposed laws governing US relations with the PLO were strict enough. No administration officials testified.

The hearing took place while the Senate is considering a new Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, that would introduce further conditions for US assistance to the Palestinians, which now stands at about \$100 million annually.

The Senate debate over the 1996 foreign aid bill, which contains MEPPA, began yesterday.

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

Early in the House hearing, a one-minute segment was played of a recent tape of PLO chief Yasser Arafat calling for a "jihad," or holy war, against Israel.

A House source said that in recent days officials of the Israeli Embassy and Jewish organizations that support continued US-PLO relations, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, have met with committee chairman Benjamin Gilman and other committee members to urge that the hearing be representative of views on the peace process.

Among the witnesses was Zionist Organization of America president Morton Klein, who has led Jewish opposition to aid to the PLO.

Committee member Alcee Hastings (D-Florida) blasted the fact that the hearing was held, saying that "partisan Israeli political pressures are spilling over into the US's political agenda."

Gaza closure imposed after reports of possible Islamic Jihad suicide attack

JON IMMANUEL

THE IDF imposed closure on the Gaza Strip yesterday, following information that an Islamic Jihad activist was planning a suicide attack against Israelis, said Gen. Musa Arafat, the Palestinian Authority's military intelligence chief.

"Israel claimed it received secret information about an Islamic Jihad member who is planning a suicide bombing inside Israel. But we have no idea about this claim," Arafat said.

The IDF said the closure would last at least until after Rosh Hashana Tuesday night, but goods would be allowed to exit through the Karni checkpoint.

Military sources said the reason was "security concerns," adding it is reasonable to assume the expected signing of the Oslo-2 accord and the Jewish holidays would attract suicide bombers.

In Nablus yesterday, a soldier opened fire and killed a teenager, after youths threw stones at an army patrol. Omar Ab-

med Razawi was shot in the back while standing in a crowd of stone-throwers and died in hospital. News of his death precipitated riots in the city.

Israel Radio reported a second Nablus man was shot dead in the Nablus casbah last night during a protest against the earlier shooting.

Hamas activist Ala Nimr, 28, died in Gaza yesterday from wounds sustained nearly two years ago, when he was shot in the head by soldiers in Sheikh Radwan during a protest.

Israeli security agents yesterday arrested the mother of Yihya Ayyash, "The Engineer," considered the mastermind of the past year's suicide bombing campaign, in a bid to track him down.

Ayyash's 55-year-old mother, Aysba, who lives in Rafat, was taken to Jerusalem for questioning, according to lawyer Leah Tsemel, who said the arrest was illegal under both Israeli and Jordanian law.

Peres: Fewer roadblocks for Palestinians

DAVID MAKOVSKY
TABA

ISRAEL will undertake to minimize the number of roadblocks outside Arab cities in the territories to ensure that Palestinians can travel freely, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres indicated last night.

Experts met during the day to discuss maps, and Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat last night continued their talks as well.

While details on a variety of issues remain to be worked out, the only matters of principle left appeared to be Hebron, the release of Palestinian prisoners, and control of electricity grids. Peres said he thought the issue of electricity would be deferred.

There were unconfirmed reports that Arafat and Peres would agree to a joint statement of principles this morning, to be followed by the initialing of an agreement. Senior US officials are also optimistic that a deal would be wrapped up today or tomorrow, and there is speculation a White House ceremony may be held next Thursday.

"Wherever possible, we will avoid roadblocks outside the cities," Peres said. He refused to be more specific, apparently concerned that there may be times when temporary checkpoints are needed to apprehend terrorists trying to flee to Palestinian-controlled cities.

To further accommodate the Palestinian desire for territorial contiguity, Israel also agreed to allow some surrounding Palestinian villages to be linked to cities, such as El Bira and Ramallah.

Israel will clearly maintain the existing roadblocks dividing Israel from the territories, and there is speculation more roadblocks could be set up outside settlements to boost security.

"We want to reconcile their desire for territorial contiguity with our desire for security," said Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir.

Arafat aide Nabil Abu Ru-deineh voiced concern about a

Gaza-like situation whereby Israel can just decide to close off an area for days at a time.

"We don't want any roadblocks," he said. "If somebody goes from Ramallah to Nablus, no Israeli soldier should say, 'Go back home.' Our experience in Gaza has been a bad experience, and the safe passages between Gaza and Jericho never happened. This cannot be repeated in the West Bank. The seven cities cannot be seven prisons. We want freedom of movement."

He insisted that both territorial contiguity and Hebron have strong electoral significance for Arafat.

"We don't want to go into elections with cities as islands where people cannot move. Our people cannot accept elections without Hebron," he said.

While Israel has accepted the principle of redeploying its forces in Hebron so it only protects Jewish residents, many details remain. They include the scope and timing of the pullback, how many Palestinian policemen will be permitted, their exact function, and the type of weapons they will carry.

Furthermore, both sides need to finalize arrangements for the Machpela Cave, with Israel agreeing that the Palestinians could post an unarmed guard when Palestinians enter to pray.

While careful not to offer official US bridling proposals as both sides are negotiating directly, officials say US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross is in constant phone contact with both sides and sometimes offers creative compromise ideas to break deadlocks.

Meanwhile, representatives of Shalom Ladorot arrived in Taba last night to serve Arafat and other PA officials with court papers. Earlier in the day, the group had petitioned the High Court of Justice for an injunction against the transfer of law enforcement powers to the PA.

Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani accepted the papers and reportedly invited the group to meet with Arafat.

Turkish prime minister quits

News agencies

ANKARA - Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller resigned yesterday and immediately took on the role of caretaker until a new government could take the place of her right-left coalition.

"The prime minister handed the president the government's resignation. The president asked her to continue until the next government is formed," said spokesman Mehmet Bican.

Ciller earlier told reporters she would step down, dealing a sudden end to the struggling odd-couple coalition of her conservative True Path Party (DYP) and the social democrats, under new leader Deniz Baykal.

The prime minister, who came to power as Turkey's first woman premier in June 1993, had long resisted repeated calls for new polls.

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High concentration of sulfa found in some poultry

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry has found high concentrations of sulfa drugs in 40 percent of chicken samples and 50 percent of turkey samples in 25 poultry processing plants.

Ministry experts said people allergic to the drugs could suffer reactions, including breathing difficulties. In addition, people with the inherited defect that causes G-6-PD deficiency may develop hemolytic anemia.

According to the ministry, the drugs do not cause cancer or any other disease, and affect only those who are allergic or have the genetic defect.

Dr. Herbert Singer, director of the veterinary department in the ministry's food service division, said testing for sulfa drugs is very expensive (more than NIS 600 per individual sample) and not part of routine inspections of poultry and meat products.

Food service division director

Dr. Brian Coussin said he had received the data a month ago, "but because we were busy with the milk incident, we didn't have time to publicize this." He denied the ministry is trying to show its supervisory work is effective.

The ministry launched testing for sulfa drugs after receiving information some poultry farmers are sending their birds for slaughter too soon after giving them medication to prevent or fight infections.

Of the 25 companies tested, the products Hod Hefer and Kornish in Migdal Ha'emek, Zohar Meats in Rishon Lezion, and Of Teneh in Hadera were found to have higher-than-permitted levels of sulfa. Unfortunately, the ministry admitted, fines have not proven an effective deterrent.

Hod Hefer, Kornish, and Of

Teneh responded with a joint press release, insisting their plants maintain the highest quality control standards.

They also said the responsibility for supervision of the birds before they reach the plant and during the production process lies with the veterinary service, and that an overseeing veterinarian is permanently stationed at their plants.

They stressed that their products are shipped all over the world and they have received no complaints from the health services of any other country.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh called on the Agriculture Ministry, with which his ministry shares responsibility of meat and poultry supervision, to enforce the law and prevent growers from using too many drugs or shorten-

ing the waiting period before slaughter.

Singer said the ministry would carry out a major testing campaign of meat and poultry to look for sulfa drugs. It will also initiate legislation to require meat and poultry processors to test for these drugs and bar them from processing raw material with forbidden levels. The bill would also bar giving animals these drugs without a veterinarian's prescription and supervision.

Singer added that the US Food and Drug Administration requires 300 drug and chemical tests a year by companies that export meat and poultry to that country. This has increased awareness here of their presence.

He said he welcomes reports from people allergic to sulfa drugs who have had bad reactions after eating meat or poultry. He can be reached at (03) 5634843.



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President Ezer Weizman and Police Minister Moshe Shahal leave Machpela Cave during a visit to Hebron yesterday. (Chaled Zighari)

Rabbinical group: Oslo 2 'null and void'

HERB KEINON

A GROUP of leading rabbis in the national-religious camp, including former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira, met in Kiryat Arba yesterday and passed a resolution saying that the Oslo 2 accords, if and when signed, will be "null and void."

"We are not going to leave any place in Judea and Samaria," said Yeshivat Or Etzion dean Haim Druckman.

"We are not going to let an Israeli government expel the Jews from Hebron and complete the work of the Arabs who massacred the Jews in 1929."

Dov Lior, the chief rabbi of Kiryat Arba, received a huge

ovation from the crowd, estimated at about 500, when he said, "No force in the world will move us from here. The strongest families in the country live here, and no one will uproot them from Hebron."

The meeting was organized by the Rabbinical Council for Eretz Yisrael, and was joined by Professors for a Strong Israel, and a group of army reservists opposed to the Oslo accords.

The call to IDF soldiers to disobey orders to evacuate settlements was repeated at the conference.

"We will make every sacrifice for the City of the Patriarchs," said Shapira. He referred to the Oslo accords as a "false peace" leading to bloodshed and a rift in the nation.

Rabbi Shalom Gold, of Jerusalem's Har Nof neighborhood, said that the conference called on Diaspora communities to work against the accords. "We are seeing an increasing number of rabbis joining the group," Gold said. "We are making inroads into congregations. It is obvious the government is losing ground in Orthodox communities in the US. We represent those communities."

Weizman cheers up Hebron settlers

JON IMMANUEL

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman visited Hebron yesterday to reassure settlers that they were not about to be abandoned by the government.

Leading Hebron notables also said they could stay - for now. Weizman told the settlers they had nothing to fear, and refrained from critical comments about the government. He said that he opposed the proposal of MK Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party) for a referendum on Oslo 2.

The visit was designed, it seemed, as much to show solidarity with the frequently criticized police as with the settlers themselves.

The visit was announced by the Eitan family. Eitan visited the Old Jewish cemetery and Tel Rumeideh. "Any agreement which endangers the status of the Jewish settlement in Hebron should be torpedoed in any legal way," Eitan said. In the agreement that is shaping up, Hebron notables have backed down from their demand that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat insist on removing the 450 settlers.

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Heartbroken parents, brothers, relatives and friends announce the tragic death of Captain

NITAI SHEFTS

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Friday, September 22, at 10:30 a.m., at Kibbutz Nahshon.

The management, staff and pensioners of the Central Bureau of Statistics

mourn the passing of

Prof. UZIEL SCHMALTZ

long-standing senior staff member of the Central Bureau of Statistics

The unveiling for

Dr. KARL SCHOEN (Yekutieli ben Eliezer)

will take place, please G-d, on Friday morning September 22.

Participants will gather at the entrance to the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

Syria talks may resume - Rabinovich

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

THE talks with Syria could receive a jump-start next month, Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich said yesterday.

Rabinovich told a UJA women's conference that although Damascus did not keep its commitment this summer to continue military-level negotiations, "we very much hope that in October renewed efforts will be invested" and that "that obstacle will be removed [and] that negotiations will be resumed."

The comment was the first by any of the sides indicating when the talks could restart.

Man charged with murdering his lawyer

RAINE MARCUS

ARYE Mehurash, the convict on furlough who allegedly killed his lawyer, Avi Oren, earlier this month, was charged yesterday with murder in Tel Aviv District Court.

Mehurash ran amok in the courtroom, hurling a glass of water at Judge Esther Kobo and threatening to kill prosecutor Zaira Goldener.

At the time of the murder, Mehurash was on leave from Ramle's Ayalon Prison where he is serving a 15-year sentence for armed robbery. On September 4, Mehurash went to Oren's Petah Tikva office, armed with a stolen pistol and silencer. Brandishing the loaded pistol at Oren, he demanded NIS 4,500. Oren, who was talking on the phone at the time, gave him NIS 4,800 and told him to put the gun down. But Mehurash allegedly shot him five times, fatally wounding him.

Labor MKs demand linking prisoner release to extradition

EVELYN GORDON

A GROUP of Labor MKs yesterday demanded that the government condition the release of additional Palestinian prisoners on the Palestinian Authority's extradition of the Wadi Kelt murderers.

The group - faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, House Committee chairman Hagai Merom, and Yoram Lass and Elie Goldschmidt - also said it would work to persuade the government to amend the extradition clauses of the Cairo Agreement, so that the PA could not arrange hurried trials of wanted terrorists to prevent their extradition, as it did in the Wadi Kelt case.

"The PA is unfairly exploiting [the extradition clause]," Cohen

told the plenum, noting that the suspects were allowed to roam free long after they came to Jericho, and were put on trial only after Israeli requested their extradition. "Is this how one builds confidence?"

Merom said that extraditions are a crucial issue from the point of view of both security and ethics, and that the government must take action on this point.

Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), who also addressed the plenum on this subject, charged that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had instructed the negotiating team at Taba not to

bring up the extradition issue at all, lest it create difficulties in the negotiations.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who responded for the government on six motions relating to the Oslo accords, declined to specifically address the extradition issue.

"There are irritants in the Oslo accords," he said. "The accords aren't perfect... But in the end, this agreement is a good agreement, and an agreement that has proven itself."

The proof of this, he said, is that even the opposition parties have expressed no desire to return to Gaza.

It is hard to believe that the opposition takes the matter seriously, he added, when barely a dozen MKs from both sides of the house bothered to show up for the debate.

Ze'ev Binyamin Begin, speaking for the Likud, pointed out that the government admits that the PLO is violating the accords in a number of ways: refusal to extradite terrorists, refusal to amend the Palestinian covenant, lack of efforts to fight terror, and Chairman Yasser Arafat's videotaped pacts to terrorists.

At what point, Begin demanded, will the government finally admit that these violations should have some effect on the negotiations?

Verdiger attacks Education Ministry for upholding religious pluralism

EVELYN GORDON

THE Reform Movement is "dangerous" and has "no relation at all to Judaism," MK Avraham Verdiger (United Torah Judaism) charged yesterday.

Verdiger, speaking in a motion for the agenda at a special Knesset session, lashed out at the Education Ministry's new program to emphasize religious pluralism in the state secular schools, calling it a "kibbutz camp," and charged that Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein is "even more dangerous" than his predecessor, Shulamit Aloni - who was removed from the post at the religious parties' insistence.

Verdiger cited Rubinstein's statement that "Judaism is too precious to be left to the Orthodox," and the statement by Aliza Shen-

har - head of the committee whose recommendations prompted the ministry's new program - that "we must break the religious monopoly on teaching Judaism."

Reform Jews, Verdiger insisted, must not be allowed to enter the schools.

How, he demanded, could a movement that removed the Shema from its prayer books, eliminated circumcision, and moved Shabbat from Saturday to Sunday and the alienation of Jewish students from Judaism?

The Shenhar Committee's approach, he charged, is "to grant legitimacy to everything." Rubinstein, who responded for the government, pointed out that most of the

Reform Movement offenses cited by Verdiger had been committed about 100 years ago, and had since been rejected by the movement itself.

It was, therefore, rather unfair to still hold the movement to blame, he said.

However, Rubinstein continued, it is not true that the ministry is giving these movements much money. Of the NIS 10 million allocated to implement the Shenhar Committee's recommendations, about NIS 8m. is going to the ministry's teacher-training school in Beersheba.

The remaining NIS 2m. is being distributed among some 20 organizations, including the Conservative and Reform movements, he said.

Threat of disruptions still hovering over Ben-Gurion Airport

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT representatives met with the directors of Flight Services last night in an effort to end the four-day-old aircraft refueling workers' strike.

However, there is still a danger that disruptions at the airport, which had been called off temporarily two days ago, would be renewed today.

Histadrut Trade Union Section chairman Amir Peretz warned that if Flight Services rejects the memorandum of understanding drawn up by the Histadrut, the

disruptions would resume immediately.

If Flight Services accepts the understanding, the fuel workers would return to work this morning and the disruptions, planned by the other airport unions in solidarity, would be called off.

Peretz and the union waited all afternoon yesterday for the company's reply, and regarded the delay as a rejection of the document, or at least an attempt to avoid negotiations.

Barak asked to stop Mevasseret expansion

HERB KEINON

PEACE Now yesterday called on Interior Minister Ehud Barak to prevent the Mevasseret Zion Local Council from building a new neighborhood, just north of the town and east of the Green Line.

"It has been made known to me that the head of the Mevasseret Zion Local Council, a member of your party, is planning to build a new neighborhood on Givat Ahiram, which is east of the Green Line," Peace Now politi-

cal secretary Moshe Raz wrote to Barak. "If the neighborhood is built, it will turn Mevasseret Zion into the first settlement of the second Rabin government, and the 145th land mine [settlement] on the road to peace."

Raz called on Barak to prevent Mevasseret from going ahead with the plan "for the sake of the peace process." Raz said that the plan is still in the early stages, and has not yet been approved.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed when van flips

A man was killed when his van overturned at the entrance to Kafr Kabil in the Western Galilee at about 5 a.m. yesterday. In another accident, Shimon Hevroni was seriously injured and two other men moderately injured when two cars collided near Nitzanei Oz in Samaria. *lit*

Nun dies in blaze

A Greek Orthodox nun died yesterday evening in a fire that broke out in the home of the Greek patriarch in Jerusalem's Old City. Neighbors of the patriarch, who is abroad, alerted police and firefighters broke into the apartment and quickly put out the fire. In a search of the home the body of the nun, 28, was found. Police are investigating. *lit*

Serious phone breakdown in Tel Aviv

The Israel Consumer Council demanded that Bezeq compensate those who suffered damage because of yesterday's breakdown in phone service, as well as that of several weeks ago. Council head Zvi Ramot said that if Bezeq does not do so on its own, the council will consider filing a class-action suit. The breakdown, caused by a problem in one exchange that caused a chain reaction, made it impossible to call the police 100 emergency number or Magen David Adom. *lit*

Bus bombings decrease bus ridership

The periodic bus bombings that have occurred since the beginning of 1994 has reduced the overall number of bus riders by about three percent annually, Shlomo Levin, the chairman of Egged's secretariat, said yesterday. Ridership drops up to 7% immediately after an attack, then increases gradually, but "the total number of riders never gets back to the level it was before the attack," Levin said. *lit*

Uzi Wexler testifies at Deri trial

Former Jerusalem city treasurer Uzi Wexler testified yesterday at the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri in Jerusalem District Court. He gave evidence on the transfer of NIS 200,000 to the Prisoner Rehabilitation Center that Deri and three co-defendants are suspected of setting up as a front for receiving public funds for their yeshiva. *lit*

Mifal Hapayis suing 'Ha'aretz'

RAINE MARCUS

MIFAL Hapayis is suing the Ha'aretz daily and its reporter, Yossi Bar-Moha for NIS 5 million, for what it called a false and libelous article that appeared in the newspaper on September 13.

The story accused the company of failing to transfer NIS 333m. to local councils, in spite of a board of directors' decision. The libel suit was filed in Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Ha'aretz reported that NIS 469m. had accumulated in Mifal Hapayis coffers and had not been used "for any purpose." A few years ago, the company

founded the "Mifal Foundation," the article said, and NIS 469 million was transferred into this fund.

But Mifal Hapayis lawyer Avigdor Kleigblat said yesterday that the foundation was merely an accounting statistic, appearing in the company's financial reports and constituting its shareholders' equity. The Mifal Foundation, said Kleigblat, does not reflect liquid assets.

Mifal Hapayis also denied carrying out financial transactions against the decision of its board of directors.

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مكتبة الناصر



MK Avraham Ravitz addresses the Knesset yesterday. Seated is Speaker Shevah Weiss. (L.H.A.)

Ravitz refuses to apologize to Aloni

TUESDAY'S attack on Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni by MK Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) upstaged the official topics of yesterday's special Knesset session. Coalition MKs denounced Ravitz's statement that "there has never been a bigger antisemite than that aging girl... who hates people, hates Jews."

Ravitz, normally one of the Knesset's more restrained personalities, showed a rare loss of

EVELYN GORDON

control in his response from the podium, his voice shaking with rage.

"I don't forgive MK and Minister Shulamit Aloni for causing me to express myself the way I did," he said to a stunned Knesset.

Ravitz said the catalyst for his remarks was Aloni's statement after the cabinet rejected her suggestion to declare 1996 the "Year of Science," and decided to de-

clare it the "Year of Industry and Education" instead. Aloni charged that this decision was due to pressure from the religious public.

"Minister Aloni got up yesterday morning and accused... every believing person, every person who observes the commandments, of putting pressure on the government," Ravitz said. "We pressured the government because - I'm saying this in my own words - because we are backward, primitive people who fear modern science."

Ravitz then turned on his detractors.

"Why didn't you protest when this woman compared Rachel's Tomb to the tomb of Rahab the prostitute?" he demanded. "Why did you, Mr. Speaker, not protest? Did you send her a letter? Why didn't you protest when she heaped scorn on rabbis?"

Weiss had sent Ravitz a letter protesting his remarks, in which he accused Ravitz of "vulgarizing the language" and demanded that he apologize to Aloni.

After Ravitz's speech, a furious Weiss - who had permitted Ravitz an immediate response to the accusations against him - although the House Rules provide for a response only at the end of the day - said that was the last time he would make such an exception, and added that he would bring a complaint against Ravitz in the relevant Knesset committee.

Temper began to cool only much later, when Environment Minister Yossi Sarid delivered the day's closing address. Sarid began by joining his colleagues in denouncing Ravitz's statements, which he said were "very ugly" and constituted "not a little pollution of the environment."

However, he lowered the temperature considerably when he concluded that whatever else Ravitz said, he should be careful regarding his accusation that Aloni was aging.

"I don't know what's happening with you," he said. "Maybe you keep getting younger. But I'm getting older."

"I retract what I said about age," Ravitz replied. "That was truly out of place."

Polio viruses in Ashdod sewage no cause for panic, officials say

JUDY SIEGEL

WILD polio viruses have been detected in Ashdod's sewage in routine tests conducted by the Health Ministry, though there have been no reported cases of the disease anywhere in the country.

Dr. Paul Slater, the ministry's chief epidemiologist, said yesterday that he was "not happy about the discovery because it means that the virus is multiplying in the intestines of a number of people." But he stressed that "it's impossible to contract polio from touching sewage."

The source of the virus may be foreign workers, Gaza residents or new immigrants, according to Ashdod district health officer Dr. Shimon Scharf. He noted that im-

munity to polio is very high in Israel, and that the only immediate result of the discovery was the decision to give Ashdod first graders their Sabin oral polio vaccine (OPV) today, instead of waiting until after the holidays.

Slater said that since the polio outbreak in 1989 in which over a dozen people fell ill (and only a few suffered permanent damage), the ministry has been testing sewage at 30 sites around the country on a monthly basis. In most countries abroad, polio is monitored only among actual cases and not in the sewage.

"This is an early warning sign, but no reason for residents to be

concerned. They should in any case wash their hands after visiting the toilet, and make sure that all children and teenagers are fully vaccinated against polio," Slater added.

Sewage is highly diluted and composed mostly of washing-machine water, thus for lab tests to detect the wild (that is, not from vaccines) virus, it must have been excreted by a dozen people or more. But only one in 200 or 300 adults and one in 500 or 1,000 infants who carry the virus in their intestines actually come down with the disease. Slater said.

Foreign workers are not vac-

inated against polio when they arrive, nor do they have to bring proof of vaccination before being admitted. However, said Slater, vaccination is for their own protection. "It takes millions of viruses to infect someone and they alone cannot infect others," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jo Asvall, director of the World Health Organization's European region, said yesterday that he expects polio will be eradicated in the 50 countries of Europe by the year 2000.

Speaking at a press conference, Asvall said the WHO had vaccinated 63 million children in 18 mostly Eastern European countries this past March and May.

Turkish president shows interest in Israeli missile

ALON PINKAS

TURKISH President Suleiman Demirel yesterday visited the Israeli booth at the IDEF defense exhibition in Ankara and expressed interest in the Rafael-made Popeye air-to-ground missile.

Demirel was hosted by Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry, who also accompanied senior Turkish military officers in the booth, where 13 Israeli defense industries are exhibiting their products.

Among the visitors were the

Turkish defense minister and chief of staff.

The booth was also visited by defense officials from China, Romania, and Slovakia, as well as military attaches from Russia and India.

Ivry, meanwhile, was to conclude the deal in which Israeli Aircraft Industry will upgrade 50 of Turkey's F-4 Phantoms. The deal, worth \$600 million, is also set to win export risk insurance from the Treasury.

After visiting, tourists feel Israel is safe

HAIM SHAPIRO

TOURISTS leaving Israel feel the country is much safer than they did before they arrived, a Tourism Ministry survey has revealed.

The survey showed that 90 percent of the tourists planning to come to Israel felt that the country was not safe. After their stay, only 28 percent held this view.

The visitors also changed their views on other matters. Before arrival, 79 percent described Israel as an undeveloped country, while only 34 percent saw it in this light at the

end of their visit.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who received the results of the study yesterday, said this was another example of how tourism is the best publicity for the country.

The survey also found that 65 percent of those questioned received information about Israel from friends and relatives, while only 33 percent got their information from travel agencies. A surprising 20 percent said they got their information from computerized sources.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jaffa pupils demonstrate for equality

Hundreds of pupils from two Arab schools in Jaffa, who have been on strike since the beginning of the school year, held a peaceful, licensed protest outside Tel Aviv City Hall yesterday. They were demanding equality in education. *Itim*

Adoption reform bill passes committee

The Knesset Law Committee yesterday approved a bill to end the government monopoly on overseas adoptions. The bill, which is opposed by the government, will now be sent to the plenum for its first reading.

Committee members said the bill, which would allow the establishment of private non-profit adoption agencies, is necessary because the government agency cannot keep up with demand, leading to scores of black-market adoptions. *Evelyn Gordon*

Barbara Amiel Black named Hollinger VP

Barbara Amiel Black has been named editorial vice president of Hollinger Inc. and American Publishing Company. Black was editor of *The Toronto Sun* from 1982-84, and a columnist at *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* of London from 1986 to 1994. She has contributed to many other publications and is the author of two non-fiction books.

Black is a director of Hollinger Inc., *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Spectator* and *Saturday Night* magazine. *JP Staff*

Book by young Holocaust victim published

A book of poems, short plays, and a drawing by Abramek Kopelowitz, a 14-year-old resident of the Lodz ghetto who was killed in Auschwitz, has been published by Yad Vashem. It is entitled *From Myself*.

After the war, Kopelowitz's father, Mendel, apparently found the writings in the attic of their home, but never told anyone.

After he died, Eliezer Greenfield, his stepson, who lives in Holon, was going through family papers and found the writings, which he turned over to Yad Vashem.

A delegation from Lodz that visited recently took copies of Abramek's work and published it in Poland. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

New cigarette tax to cover budget deficit

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE price of local and imported cigarettes will go up about 16 percent next week under a new excise tax system that will bring in an additional NIS 240 million annually in revenues, thus providing the government with the funds to meet next year's deficit target.

Under the new system approved by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday, a tax of 52.5 percent will be imposed on the price to consumers, excluding the Value Added Tax, with a NIS 0.75 surcharge per pack. This replaces the more complicated tax calculations which impose a 240 percent tax on the wholesale price, but not more than 135 percent when including the NIS 1.10 charge per pack.

The Treasury has been looking for a source of revenues to fund a NIS 220m. shortfall in next year's tax receipts, since the cabinet decided to grant both married and single working women half of a tax credit point.

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Office of the Director General

Further to the announcement of the Ministry of Religious Affairs published on September 10, 1995 concerning the map of preferential zones for the construction of religious buildings and for religious services in other areas,

Regarding the completion of forms concerning preferential zones, it is hereby brought to the public's attention that:

All institutions who are entitled to receive funding according to the criteria outlined in clause 16 of the general section of the criteria may be included in the lists of preferences as follows:

1. Institutions who have not yet submitted their application: The questionnaire detailing preferential zones should be attached to the application or should be sent separately.

2. Institutions who have already submitted their application:

The questionnaire, together with the details of the institution, should be sent by registered mail to the same address to which the application was sent.

Lists of preferential zones and the relevant questionnaires may be obtained from the application form distribution points.

The final date for submitting forms regarding preferential zones only has been extended to October 5, 1995.

Note: This extension does not apply to the actual applications.

Between September 29, 1995 and October 5, 1995, only applications regarding preferential zones together with letters will be accepted by registered mail to POB 7517, Jerusalem 91074.

Happy New Year

Dr. Gershon Metzger

Director General



ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

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To save time and having to wait in a line at the bank, Memsis, etc. in the terminal, you are advised to prepare in advance your receipt for the fee, an English translation of your car license (from Memsis), and your insurance policy.

The Israel Airport Authority Management wishes all travelers a Happy New Year

Spokesperson's Bureau

US military in rape scandal

TOKYO (AP) — US military officials on Okinawa, embroiled in a public uproar over the rape of a schoolgirl alleged against three US servicemen, confirmed yesterday they have received threats of violence against Americans.

The threats included at least one anonymous call last week claiming that a bomb had been planted on a military school bus. No bomb was found, and though bus service was delayed, no one was hurt.

"We have received threats because of recent misconduct, and the alleged rape would be a part of that," said Lt. Tania Dutko, a spokeswoman for Kadena Air Base in central Okinawa.

Dutko said the threats are being taken seriously, but no official warning for US military personnel has been issued yet.

She refused to elaborate on the content of the threats. The bomb scare was confirmed by two separate sources on Okinawa who requested anonymity.

Two US Marines and a sailor are in military custody for allegedly raping the 12-year-old Okinawan girl on Sept. 4.

The suspects are Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Georgia; Pfc. Kendrick M. Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Georgia; and Navy Seaman Marcus D. Gill, 22, of Jasper, Texas.

The case has focused nationwide attention on a bilateral agreement allowing the US military to hold suspects on base until the Japanese authorities file formal charges.

Okinawan media and civic leaders have slammed the continued US custody as insensitive, and the case has given strength to voices calling for the agreement to be scrapped.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama reportedly added his name to the growing list of politicians urging that the suspects be turned over to local investigators.

"They should be handed over to us first of all," he was quoted as saying by Kyodo News Service. Murayama's government, however, has expressed reluctance about actually amending the treaty.

The military has said it will turn the suspects over when the charges are lodged. Formal charges were expected to be filed within the next week, local police said.

About 29,000 US troops, most of them Marines, are stationed on Okinawa, a small island on Japan's southern fringe. US bases take up roughly one-fifth of the island, and 75 percent of all American bases in Japan are concentrated there.

The US ambassador and top American military officers in Japan and on Okinawa have offered strongly worded apologies over the past week. Japanese police have been given full access to question the suspects.



A mother and son view the British ferry 'Stena Challenger,' which ran aground off the French coast near Calais yesterday. The ship was beached in heavy seas on Tuesday night, but there were no injuries among the 172 passengers and 73 crew on board.

Paramilitary forces bolster Serbs

SARAJEVO (AP) — Government and Croat troops in north-west Bosnia appeared yesterday to be easing up their attack on rebel Serbs bolstered by the arrival of forces from Serbia.

Around Sarajevo, Bosnian Serbs were on track to meet last night's UN deadline for withdrawing their heavy weapons, or risk renewed NATO airstrikes.

Paramilitary troops led by an alleged Serb war criminal known as Arkan reportedly crossed into Bosnia to help Bosnian Serbs being squeezed by government and Croat forces closing in on the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka.

This could compel Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to break off US-mediated peace talks and send help to the Bosnian Serbs.

US peace envoy Richard Holbrooke apparently failed to win firm promises from the Moslem-led government and the Croats that they would halt their push toward Banja Luka, the largest city held by Bosnia's Serbs.

UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said yesterday that "initial reports suggest that the fighting in that area may have subsided." But "the United Nations cannot confirm a complete halt of

the offensive by the Croatian and Bosnian government troops."

In their recent offensive in central and western Bosnia, government and Croat forces have captured vast tracts of land from retreating Serbs, slashing rebel holdings from 70 percent to under 50 percent, UN officials said.

The arrival of Zeljko Razanovic, alias Arkan, who has been branded a war criminal by the United States, indicates the Serbs want to strike terror in their Muslim and Croat foes and are determined to halt the enemy attacks.

"We came here to defend the people and get back what is ours. We will not allow the Croat knives to slaughter Serbs again," the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA quoted Arkan as saying.

He did not specify how many men were with him on Bosnian territory. Serb sources said Arkan had 1,000 fighters with him.

Arkan would not be in Bosnia without the knowledge and tacit approval, of the Serbian president, the regional powerbroker. SRNA reported Arkan and his men arrived in Sanski Most, 40 km west of Banja Luka. Local radio in Serb-held Prijedor, 24 km north of Sanski Most, confirmed Arkan's forces had joined

the rebels.

Arkan's paramilitary forces are accused of having committed some of the worst atrocities during the wars in Croatia and Bosnia and of taking part in the mass eviction of non-Serbs from their homes.

Prijedor radio said the "brutal aggression" of government and Croat troops continued yesterday morning. But it said Serb forces consolidated their defenses and even pushed the government and Croat forces from some villages around Sanski Most.

However, Ivanko, the UN spokesman, said he had reports that Croat and government troops advanced close to Prijedor and may have even surrounded the town itself. Some Bosnian Serb troops were reported leaving the town, he said.

Asked to comment on reports

that the Moslem-Croat federation was now in control of 65 percent of the country despite an agreement in principle for a 51-49 division with the Serbs, Premier Haris Silajdzic said yesterday, "The peace plan is something we shall talk about, but our country consists of 100 percent."

When asked whether the federation forces were going too far, Silajdzic grew angry. "In our own country? We are going too far in our own country? These are our armed forces, this is our country," he said, recalling that for more than a year rebel Serbs had rejected an international peace plan.

The Bosnian government commander in northwestern Bosnia, Gen. Atif Dudakovic, said yesterday that more fronts should be opened against the Serbs in coming days.

Gunmen kill 24 in Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) — Gunmen killed at least 24 banana plantation workers in a dawn massacre yesterday in Colombia's violent northwestern region of Uraba where more than 600 people have been slaughtered this year.

Police said suspected Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) forced workers off a bus near the town of Apartado, 400 km northwest of Bogota.

Victims' hands were tied behind their backs after which they were shot one by one in the head. The dead were believed to belong to a local political party, Hope, Peace and Freedom.

Most of the killings in the banana-growing region have been blamed on leftist rebels and right-wing paramilitary groups fighting for control of drug-trafficking

and smuggling operations in the area.

The massacre is the fifth in Uraba in less than two months. They have cost nearly 100 lives and shocked the nation.

President Ernesto Samper, who recently sent army reinforcements to the area, said he was "deeply moved by the latest act of barbarity". He was expected to announce new security measures in the region later in the day.

"It's a deplorable situation," Interior Minister Horacio Serpa said of Uraba's bloodletting.

The Caracol radio network said about 30 gunmen forced the bus to stop at a makeshift roadblock near a banana plantation where it was about to drop off the workers.

Britain, Argentina to sign Falklands deal

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain and Argentina will sign a deal next week on oil exploration around the Falklands but it will not affect the sovereignty of the disputed South Atlantic islands.

"Signature of a joint declaration will take place on September 27 in New York," a British foreign office spokesman said yesterday.

Details of the agreement remained under wraps but oil experts believe it could trigger a North Sea-style oil bonanza which would transform life islands.

The Falkland islands government will launch a licensing round for oil exploration on October 3 in London, the spokesman said.

The agreement is the most important diplomatic move since the two countries, who went to war over the Falklands in 1982, resumed relations six years ago.

In Buenos Aires, Argentine President Carlos Menem said the draft deal was the biggest leap forward in the 160-year-old dispute over the sovereignty of the British-ruled islands.

That provoked a frosty response from British Foreign Office Minister Sir Nicholas Bonsor who said the agreement would not affect the sovereignty issue at all.

"I am afraid the Argentinian president is speaking to his own electorate there. He is obviously saying what they wish to hear," Bonsor told Sky Television.

"The position of the UK government is in no way affected by the agreement. Our position on

sovereignty remains that the islands will stay British," he said.

In Buenos Aires, Menem said in a radio interview that he would meet British Prime Minister John Major in New York next month in the first meeting of the nations' leaders since 1982.

But Bonsor said: "My understanding is that the prime minister's diary is still uncertain."

Britain and Argentina fought a 10-week war over the islands in 1982. About 1,000 troops died after Britain sent a task force to reverse an Argentine invasion.

Bonsor argued that a Falklands oil bonanza would benefit Argentina. "It is the closest mainland facility. There will be an enormous knock-on benefit for the Argentinians from all the back-up work for the oil research and development," he said.

Oil experts are upbeat about prospects off the archipelago. "The area available for exploration is 50 percent bigger than the U.K. North Sea," Dr Phil Richards of the British Geological Survey said.

But the oil would not hit world markets until 2005. Oil companies want to read the small print of the political agreement before they commit themselves, analysts said. Firms have nine months to put in their bids.

One problem in awarding the exploration blocks could be the so-called "border areas" where Falkland and Argentine waters overlap. How royalties from these areas are to be divided up was reported to have been a major sticking point for diplomats.

N. Ireland loyalists in first Dublin meet

DUBLIN (Reuters) — Spokesmen for Northern Ireland "Loyalist" gunmen held their first peace talks with the Irish government one year after supporters tried to bomb Dublin as part of their pro-British rule campaign.

A four-man delegation of the Ulster Democratic Party (UDP) met Prime Minister John Bruton and Foreign Minister Dick Spring to convey the views of militant Protestants firm on Northern Ireland's British status.

It was the first official Dublin meeting between the Irish government and representatives of Unionists who fought against what they saw as Irish interference in British affairs until they declared a ceasefire in October last year.

The visit was seen by Irish offi-

cials as an important part of efforts to get all sides in the 25-year conflict talking to keep alive an Anglo-Irish peace process brought to standstill by the refusal of any guerrilla group to surrender arms.

UDP leader Gary McMichael accused the Irish government of allowing its policy to be dictated by Sinn Fein, political wing of IRA guerrillas who fought to merge the province with Ireland until they declared a ceasefire a year ago.

Bruton denied that Irish policy was over-influenced by Sinn Fein and said his government would consider scrapping Ireland's constitutional claim to Northern Ireland as part of an overall settlement to the conflict.

Pools winner makes costly handshake

LONDON (Reuters) — A judge has ordered a millionaire football lottery winner to share his jackpot with three workmates as promised in an unwritten agreement sealed with a handshake.

The workmates, a trio of forklift truck drivers in Portsmouth in southern England, will get £25,000 (NIS 116,000) each from Paul Pitt's £1.8 million (NIS 8.37 million).

They said they had all agreed that if one of them won more than a million pounds (NIS 4.65 million) he would give the others £25,000 each.

When Pitt won his prize in 1993 he offered the others a round of drinks. Judge Jane Bouvart ruled yesterday that their handshake "amounted to a clear and enforceable agreement."

Pitt, 28, will have to pay the £80,000 (NIS 371,400) costs. His lawyer said he might appeal.

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1. Erev Rosh Hashana (Sunday, September 24, 1995)
Mass gathering for slichot and hatarat nedarim, from noon onwards.
2. First day Rosh Hashana (Monday, September 25, 1995)
Mass prayers until the afternoon and reciting of tehillim all day. Descent to Silwan for tashlich in the afternoon (escorted by security forces).
3. Second day Rosh Hashana (Tuesday, September 26, 1995)
Prayers and reciting of tehillim all day.
4. Erev Yom Kippur (Tuesday, October 3, 1995)
Minhah from noon. Mass gathering for Yom Kippur evening prayers. Reciting of tehillim all night.
5. Yom Kippur (Wednesday, October 4, 1995)
Prayers all day, especially towards evening for neillah and blowing of the shofar.
6. Succot (Monday, October 9, 1995)
Prayers for succot pilgrims and netilat lulav in the succah
7. Bircat Kohanim - Hol Hamo'ed Succot (Wednesday, 11 October, 1995)
Followed by a reception for the public hosted by the Chief Rabbi, the Minister of Religious Affairs and senior officials of the Ministry.
8. Eve of Hoshanah Rabbah (Saturday, October 14, 1995)
Mass prayer gathering, and all-night tikkunim and study.
9. Hoshanah Rabbah (Sunday, October 15, 1995)
Mass prayers from dawn until noon.
10. Simhat Torah (Monday, October 16, 1995)
Mass prayers and hakafot.

Events, Information and Instruction Dept.

Wishing the house of Israel Ketivah Vehadimah Tovah

מכון מנחם

Training by computer on the fast track to China

WHAT were two Israelis doing with Jane Fonda's daughter in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator?

While Vanessa Vadim (the offspring of Fonda's short-lived marriage to French movie director Roger Vadim) was covering the Beijing Express's transcontinental journey to the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women for *National Geographic*, Bob Rosenschein and Lior Arussy were providing the high-tech know-how on behalf of local software firm Accent (also known as Kivim).

The United Nations Development Program's eight-day, 9,174-km. train journey from Warsaw crossed seven time zones en route to Beijing. In that time, the train's 150 Central and Eastern European passengers attended workshops on gender analysis and planning, conflict resolution, economic literacy and computer skills.

The last-named was the Israeli connection. Accent, which specializes in multilingual software, was asked by the UNDP to donate the software needed on the Beijing Express. "Bob [Rosenschein, company president and CEO] smelled an opportunity and said, 'I want to be on the train too,'" says Accent marketing manager Arussy, who accompanied him.

Accent became involved in a dual capacity.

DAVID ISAACSON

The company joined numerous organizations (including the governments of Austria, Ireland, Poland and Turkey, Rank Xerox and Nippon Life Insurance) in sponsoring the train. Meanwhile, it undertook to instruct delegates in modern technology.

"The delegates, who came from 30 countries, were very thirsty for computer technology," Arussy recalls. "Every day they were begging us to hold classes."

In addition to training the travelers—many of whom had never been abroad before—Arussy related high-tech concepts to the subject of the Beijing conference: women. "I wrote a program for the UN to help advance women's status through computer skills," he says. "After the fall of Communism, the status of women also declined. If women are trained beyond secretarial skills, they can get better jobs."

The journey was beneficial to Accent for three reasons, according to Rosenschein: "It gave us a good connection with the UN, relations with influential people in various countries, and insights into the marketplace."

Through interaction with their counterparts, Accent gained a deeper understanding of the marketing interests of emerging na-

tions. Examples include the particular pride Belarusians feel toward their new flag, and the significance of the Cyrillic alphabet in Macedonia, where it originated.

The only Israelis on the train—"We were role models," says Arussy—the computer mavens did some unofficial peacemaking. Arussy recalls how "the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot delegations wrote their own peace proposals in our cabin during the last hour of the journey." And "I designed a poster for the Bosnian delegate—on Accent."

They also partied, not least in Ulan Bator where, at 1 a.m., the locals provided a "red-carpet disco."

Not even religion could keep the Orthodox Arussy from full participation in the cosmopolitan world of the Beijing Express.

When, somewhere in Siberia, a Bosnian delegate presented him with a petition in support of her people, Arussy felt compelled to sign, even though he had not yet said the prayer that closes Shabbat. "I found a halachic solution. I said a special *havdala bracha*—and could then add my name."

In business and now in geographical terms, Accent (which recently went public and holds the software contract for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta), has traveled a long way since its inception in 1988.



Lior Arussy (left) and Bob Rosenschein in the dining car of the Beijing Express.

Scentsational journey

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DESPITE the ever growing list of gift options, fragrances continue to be in the forefront because they are compact, easily portable, and though considered luxuries, are still less expensive than electronic items. They can also be a great source of satisfaction to recipients who have not tried them before.

Huge discounts of up to 70% prior to the holiday season provide additional incentive for fragrance shopping.

Among the fairly recent temptations on the market are *Dolce Vita* by Christian Dior and *Poème* by Lancôme, both of which come in bright sunflower-yellow packaging. The color is one of the dominant shades on the fall/winter fashion palette and its use is carefully suggestive. Both have a certain headiness.

The composition of *Dolce Vita* is floral, fruity, spicy and woody, but what comes through most prominently in this rich concoction is vanilla, which has a soft, lingering aroma. This is Dior's 14th perfume and sells for NIS 156 for 30 ml.

Poème has a high alcohol content, yet it does not intrude on the olfactory senses. The fragrance is sweetly floral and quite fresh, with a youthful verve. This is not surprising since the prime components are poppy, mimosa, various species of roses, and vanilla. The bottle, with its clean architectural lines, is shaped like a dressmaker's dummy and will definitely appeal to collectors. The price is a little steep: NIS 226 for 30 ml.

Sonia Rykiel has also produced a floral wood-and-spice blend, but the formula is different enough to result in a fragrance reminiscent of honeycomb, which is sufficiently off the beaten track to arouse curiosity. Fifty milliliters of eau de parfum retails for NIS 288, while eau de toilette in the same volume sells for NIS 252.

Although artist Salvador Dali was, to say the least, flamboyant, *Eau de Dali*, the newest fragrance to bear his name, is rather discreet, with a sweet, gentle citrus bouquet. The fruity content of its composition includes tangerine and pineapple. Marketed in the Dali signature bottle of the



Pino Silvestre: With its outdoorsy pine scent this politically correct fragrance should appeal to environmentalists.

Aphrodite mouth, the eau de toilette is available at NIS 94 for 30 ml.

One of the most intriguing gimmicks on the market is *Suggestion* by Claude Montana, a three-in-one package of silver, gold and copper stoppered fragrances in which the same colors are also employed for the fluids. The angular bottles fit together on a circular base. The silver is light and fresh. The gold evokes a suggestion of opulence, and the copper is reminiscent of the Orient, and is quite similar to some of the fragrances which come from Japan.

While the heart of all three includes black currant and violet leaves, mimosa and sandalwood, the silver also has bergamot, lily and blue hyacinth; the gold has ylang-ylang, peach and vanilla; and the copper orange, peony, freesia, nutmeg, ginger, amber and musk. The set costs NIS 335 for 30 ml and individual 50-ml bottles can also be purchased at NIS 192.

Exuding the unpretentious, tangy aroma usually associated with fragrances for men, *Eau Belle d'Azzurro* is a very good daytime scent for a climate like Israel's where one needs strong, refreshing perfumes to combat the stench of perspiration. Selling at NIS 89.25 for a 50-ml bottle, *Eau Belle d'Azzurro* can be classed as a unisex perfume.

Israeli men have become almost as cosmetics conscious as women in their quest for magnetism and eternal youth. It is quite rare these days to come across a

man who doesn't leave a pleasant waft of after-shave or toilet water in his wake.

Dolce & Gabbana have ventured into the male domain with the inauguration of *Dolce & Gabbana Pour Homme*, which has enough class to prove successful. Both the *Eau de Toilette* and the after-shave come in 75 ml and 125 ml bottles at prices ranging from NIS 74.25 to NIS 149.25. Except for the base line, which includes tobacco and tonka bean, the ingredients are more or less the same as those found in fragrances for women.

The deep, almost olive-green packaging of *Niagra* by Courrèges of Paris, Boston Man by Antonio Olig of Spain, and *Pino Silvestre* by the Italian fashion house of Vidal have more in common than their European origins. All suggest an outdoorsy image and all are redolent with pine. In this era, in which people are so preoccupied with the preservation of nature, they could be considered politically correct fragrances. *Pino Silvestre* even comes in a cone shaped bottle to more convincingly convey the message.

The PS after-shave and *Eau de Toilette* in 75 ml and 125 ml bottles sell at prices ranging from NIS 64 to NIS 118. *Niagra* comes in 50 ml and 100 ml bottles with prices spanning from NIS 98 to NIS 149, while a 100 ml bottle of *Boston Man Eau de Toilette* together with a matching T-shirt sells for NIS 89.95. Substitute after-shave and the price comes down to NIS 73.

Heavenly aromas: Perfumes waft across the ages

PRESS a button and out wafts the cologne that Napoleon Bonaparte once wore in battle.

Press another and you are transported back six centuries to the perfume of Hungary's Queen Elizabeth, said to be so seductive that it enticed the King of Poland to propose marriage.

For this is *Heavenly Scent*, a fascinating glimpse into the history, culture and romance of perfume over the last 2,500 years.

France, where more than half the world's most famous perfumes are made, put together this nasal extravaganza that is now touring the globe offering aromatic surprises.

The latest stop is the southern English resort of Brighton where the museum has "odoramas" to sniff along with designer crystal bottles which are, in Shakespeare's words, like "a liquid prisoner, pent in walls of glass."

The romance of perfume has not faded over the ages. Cleopatra never went on a voyage unless her sails were coated with precious oils "so perfumed that the winds were lovesick with them."

Emperor Nero loved roses to excess. He once arranged for a waterfall of petals which smothered one of his guests and killed him.

The Prophet Mohammed said: "Three things are dear to me on earth—women, perfume and, for comfort, prayer."

The ancient Egyptians used fragrant woods and essences to please the gods. They also helped to offset the smell of burning flesh in religious sacrifices.

Crusaders brought back "Love in a Mist" from the Middle East to Europe and the English Tudors crushed its seeds and dusted the powder into their hair to drive out lice.

Straitlaced Victorians were so fearful of the sexual powers of scent that they would not let it touch their skin. Instead, they dabbed it on handkerchiefs and slippers.

The exhibition gives an intriguing glimpse into the world of Noses, the name given to the perfumers who have created the world's most famous scents.

They are like musicians gradually building a melody into a symphony. They even talk about top, middle and bass notes when discussing how long a fragrance lingers in the memory.

Perfumes, to their creators, have vigorous personalities and a tenacious aura.

The great perfumes that have enchanted women throughout the ages have virtually all been fashioned by men.

From Ernest Beaux creating *Chanel No. 5* to William Poucher's *Yardley English Lavender*, these are the true artists in a fiercely competitive "war of the noses." Exotic fragrances are gathered from the four corners of the earth—petigrain oils from Paraguay, cinnamon from Sri Lanka, cloves from Madagascar.

Exotica abound. *Ambergris*, a whale excretion, was popular with the great lover Casanova who drank it in his hot chocolate as an aphrodisiac.

The pungent petals of jasmine must be picked before sunrise. Fifty million rose petals are needed to produce one kilo of rose oil. Olfactory opulence is everything. The manufacturing process is wrapped in ornate language as the magic ingredients go through enfleurage, maceration, dry steam distillation and citrus extraction.

Design and advertising are vital to the success of a perfume, so often linked to the major fashion houses. A *Lalique* perfume bottle sold at a London auction for £43,000 (NIS 207,000).

Salvador Dali designed highly prized bottles for Schiaparelli, saying "Smell is unquestionably the sense which best expresses immortality."

The bottle for *Femme* by Rochas was modeled on the shape of voluptuous actress Mae West's hips.

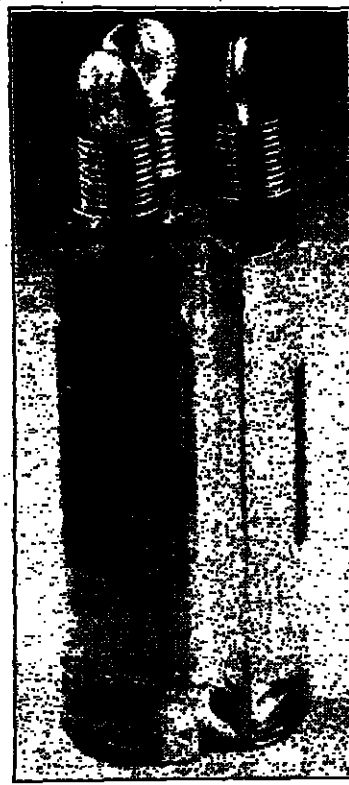
Imagine a world without scents. It would be a much sadder and poorer place. That is why the Russian space program paid the perfume industry perhaps its greatest compliment.

Soviet astronauts were sent into space with phials of essential oils to remind them of earth and overcome the emotional deprivation of scentless space. (Reuters)

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Risks and mortal dangers

IN defending the government's determination to sign the Oslo-2 agreement, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid admitted in yesterday's Knesset debate that the Oslo agreement was imperfect and that the PLO has violated it. But, he said, this is no reason to stop the process. All in all the agreement is good, the best that could be achieved, and its implementation must continue, he said.

On the face of it, such reasoning is unexceptionable. Violations, disappointments and even losses of life should not hamper the march of history. If the light at the end of the tunnel is the longed-for peace, the only way to reach it is to ignore the pitfalls in the darkness and march on.

But this would be true only if both sides were marching to the same drum, sharing the same vision of coexistence, cooperation and peace. Indeed, if this were the case, even the most heinous crimes could be viewed as nothing more than aberrational, temporary "side effects," as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres likes to describe them. It is far more likely, however, that these difficulties are not secondary disorders but symptoms of an incurable malignancy.

The news yesterday provided a telling example of the dichotomy which afflicts the current process. On the one hand, Israel imposed a closure on Gaza to forestall a terrorist attack by an Islamic Jihad unit based there. On the other, Peres and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat were putting the last touches on an agreement that would turn half a dozen towns in Judea and Samaria into havens, headquarters, training fields and recruiting centers for precisely the same kind of terrorist units.

By now even Arafat's most devoted defenders do not claim that he is doing whatever he can to combat terrorism. He has shown no desire to apprehend and try wanted terrorists. When the Wadi Kelt killers escaped to Jericho, they moved freely about town for a month. Only the prospect of an Israeli extradition demand prompted the PA to try and sentence them, strictly to prevent their extradition. (Whether the trials actually took place and the killers are in prison is still unclear.)

Arafat has ignored all of Israel's extradition demands, the first of which was made a year ago. According to Peace Watch, he has refused to extradite all 16 terrorist suspects named in the 10 Israeli demands for extradition.

But by far the most significant - and worrisome - symptom of the agreement's malaise is the education the PA is giving its youth. Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, a certified dove of long standing, said this week, "The PA is making no effort to educate Palestinian youth for peace, and this troubles me. Some of Arafat's pronouncements and those of the PA leaders are confidence-shattering measures."

A typical example of PA education was shown on both Channel 1 and Channel 2 on Tuesday night. It is a videotape of a Palestinian telecast, obtained by the Institute for Peace Education, of a visit paid by Arafat to a girls' school in Gaza on September 3, the day the school year began. (This and other videotapes of Arafat's speeches were shown yesterday at the hearing on US-PLO relations held by Republican Congressman Benjamin Gilman of New York, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.)

In this latest tape, a group of teenagers in white dresses sing and dance in Arafat's honor, in what could have been a tableau of pristine innocence anywhere in the world. But suddenly the girls pulled out Kalashnikov rifles (the real things, not toys) and, to Arafat's visible satisfaction, danced with them in all imaginable "heroic" poses. (At the end the weapons, obviously loaned for the dance from the PA, were collected by a PLO official.)

The entertainment was followed by a typical Arafat speech, in which he expressed his admiration for "the Palestinian girl, the Palestinian woman." As he always does when talking to women, Arafat cited as models of glorious Palestinian womanhood two terrorists: the jailed Abir Wahidi, member of the terrorist unit that killed Zvi Klein in 1991, whom he called commander of the Central Front; and the dead Dalal Magrabi, who participated in the bus attack in 1978 on the coastal highway and distinguished herself by throwing a baby back into the burning bus.

Usually, Arafat refers to Magrabi as the founder of the first Palestinian republic in that captured bus. This time he only called her a Palestinian martyr. He concluded the speech by saying, "I bow in respect and admiration to the Palestinian woman who receives her martyr son with joyful ululation."

The government is not unaware of these speeches and their meaning. In Tuesday's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that "If the PLO does not act decisively enough against terrorism, we may have to suspend the negotiations with the Palestinian Authority, despite all the domestic and international ramifications of such a move, and its effect on the future of our relations with the Arab states."

Rabin also said he was deeply troubled by the PA's failure to extradite terrorists and fight terrorism, and by Arafat's language in his speeches, as documented in the videotapes. But he insisted these concerns would not affect the negotiations.

Clearly, Rabin and Peres believe in taking risks for peace. One can only hope that they will know when these risks become mortal dangers.



Their calling: Treason

THE 78-year old Marcus Klingberg looked pathetic and ill when he appeared in court recently to plead for his freedom. The jailed spy wants to live with his daughter in France.

Nobody likes to see an elderly convict rotting away in prison. But before allowing Klingberg's plight to touch the heart, one ought to remember that Klingberg hasn't shown the slightest remorse for his perfidy.

Neither has Mordechai Vanunu.

He was an idealist, scream Vanunu's groupies in London and Tel Aviv. "He wanted to save the world by revealing Israel's nuclear secrets." The self-styled British Movement to Free Vanunu has added its voice to local demands for Vanunu's release.

Their jailed hero has suffered "psychologically" in jail, they claim. Never mind the harm he has done to the country.

London's *Sunday Times* paid Vanunu the equivalent of NIS 940,000 for his revelations.

One of its journalists told us: "All he was interested in was the money. He kept upping his price. He had been hawking his wares to newspapers all over the world to the highest bidder. I don't recall Vanunu saying a single word about saving humanity."

The damage Vanunu caused Israel can be seen in the way Egypt seized on his campaign to persuade the international community to get Jerusalem to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

President Mubarak wants to cripple Israel's alleged nuclear capability, which is designed to deter potential aggressors from trying to wipe out the country in a surprise attack. With the government surrendering control over increasing stretches of strategic land, the belief of hostile nations

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in Israel's perceived nuclear capability is especially important.

According to our source, the Arab states "must pray that Vanunu will be released. [A free Vanunu] will blab his mouth off about what he knows and imagines he knows."

AS FOR the benign-looking Klingberg, he systematically gave the KGB details of Israel's

At the end of the 1960s, Klingberg became deputy head of the Biological Institute in Ness Ziona. He was a highly motivated Communist agent, and his knowledge was so extensive that he could still cause Israel terrible harm were he allowed out of prison, the expert told us.

"Let us make him as comfortable as possible in prison with doctors to treat him," suggested the source, adding: "It would be pure self-destruction to free him."

Once a spy, always a spy. Klingberg and Vanunu must stay where they belong - in jail

pure self-destruction to free him." In rejecting his appeal for freedom recently, the judges agreed.

What happens when a KGB man is freed? The credo is: Once a KGB man, always a KGB man.

Nobody demonstrates this better than Shabtai Kalmanovich, another KGB "immigrant" who was dined and wined by top generals, leading members of the Knesset, and other powerful figures. "Fingered" by a Soviet de-

factor, he was arrested and imprisoned.

Hardly had the jail doors closed behind him when his friends, and bleeding-heart "liberals," began to plead for his release. How pitiful he looked when, clutching his chest, he appeared before courts to plead illness.

Influential friends worked behind the scenes and, lo and behold, Kalmanovich gained his freedom - and returned, surprise, surprise, to Moscow.

In the Russian capital, a miracle happened. A hale and hearty Kalmanovich could be seen eating out in the city's most expensive restaurants, smoking fat Cuban cigars and drinking French cognac. Now a millionaire, he was entertained there by former Israeli friends who brought him boxes of his favorite cigars. He even came to Eilat for a holiday.

These three cases aren't the country's first instances of treachery. Major Yossi Gonen, who served in army intelligence, was sent to prison in 1987 for 12 years for spying.

There is a saying that one has to be cruel to be kind.

The cruellest thing that could be done to the citizens of Israel would be to show mercy to those who knowingly and willingly betrayed the country. Even the elderly Klingberg must pay the penalty to the full for his ignominious deeds.

Would-be imitators must be served notice that treachery will be mercilessly punished. There is no more powerful deterrent.

Vanunu and Klingberg knew what they were doing. Treason was their freely chosen profession.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

About Oslo 1 & 2 and a lame horse

JAY SHAPIRO

AS a trained and experienced contract negotiator, I have been observing the manner in which the Oslo 1 and Oslo 2 agreements have been accomplished in order to judge, from a professional viewpoint, what has gone wrong, and how we have come to be in the present quagmire.

Oslo 1 was reached in secrecy, so it isn't possible to comment intelligently until the full and actual details are available.

Oslo 2 has been the subject of more publicity but, again, the information available is incomplete, and much of it has been made public by the government in such a tendentious manner as to raise questions over its accuracy.

What is known is that many hours have been spent producing a document containing hundreds of pages of details, clauses, sub-clauses, attachments, addenda, enclosures, maps and exhibits.

However, if Oslo 1 is an example of the finished product, it becomes painfully obvious to an experienced observer that the two most basic criteria for successful negotiations are lacking.

These elementary criteria are taught to every student of negotiations:

• There must be a clear and obvious penalty for breach of contract. If such punishment is certain, there is no need to even commit the agreement to writing.

Penalty clauses and the need for good faith

(In the Mafia there are no written contracts, because all the parties know exactly what will happen in the event of violation.)

• All parties to the contract must act in good faith.

Consider this parable: A customer was bargaining with a horse trader for the purchase of a horse.

A bystander who was watching the interplay approached the buyer and whispered in his ear, "You had better be careful not to pay too much for this horse. I noticed that he limps."

The buyer replied, "I, too, have noticed that he limps, but I also noticed that he has a nail in his hoof. After I buy him I will remove the nail, and he will be as good as new."

Hearing this, the observer went to the seller and whispered, "You are selling this horse cheaply because you think that he limps, but actually he has a nail in his hoof."

"The seller replied, 'You are wrong. The horse really limps, but I stuck the nail in his hoof in order to fool the buyer into thinking that the limp is because of the nail.'

"When he takes out the nail, the horse will still limp. I am getting rid of a lame horse."

Astonished, the observer returned to the buyer and informed him of this news.

Unperturbed, the buyer replied: "It really doesn't matter, since I am paying for the horse with counterfeit money."

REGARDLESS of the number of pages in the Oslo 2 agreement, Yasser Arafat has already learned, to his delight and to our dismay, that he can sell Yitzhak Rabin a lame horse, in exchange for real currency; and that he can get a good horse for counterfeit currency.

But the way Israel is handling these negotiations isn't completely without benefit. It can always be studied in negotiation training courses as an example of what not to do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BBC PROGRAM ON HEBRON

Sir, - I was privileged to have had the program I produced for the BBC so fulsomely reviewed (*Eye on the Media*, August 25), but I am saddened at the reviewer's conclusions. I thought that in making *Death at the Caves of Abraham* I was actually producing a balanced view of an almost impossible subject, and doing it at a time of a new maturity for Israel. This was certainly the view of many who saw it here in the UK, not least, according to the letters I personally received from members of the Orthodox community.

Mr. Bar-Ilan takes me to task on so much. But he omits in four columns to refer to the Shamgar commission of inquiry, whose role both in the aftermath of the '94 massacre and in the program context was crucial. The chances of there being such an in-depth judicial inquiry, and in public, in similar circumstances elsewhere, are remote. This all added to the view that Israel was and is prepared to maintain the peace process, despite vicious and bloody attempts to derail it.

The penultimate paragraph is as egregious a criticism of the program as it is erroneous. I heard Mrs. Meiri in a radio interview refer to the fact that "we know how to deal with dead heroes, what about the live ones?" and I too was stunned at what her husband did and didn't do. But the outcome was that public opinion would not see him pilloried. This is not the expression of a new Israel ready to throw the gun away. This is an Israel that is rational enough to know when to use force of arms and when to seek peace.

And to put the "wag" right, the program was broadcast on the massacre's first anniversary in February of this year, and has been rebroadcast several times by BBC World since then.

SHAUL USSISHKIN
Producer, *Death at the Caves of Abraham*
London.

THE PALESTINIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

Sir, - In an article of September 5, "11 PA offices said operating in East Jerusalem," you quoted a Peace Watch report which claimed that the Palestinian Housing Council (PHC) is a Palestinian Authority (PA) institution. This piece of information is far from the truth and reflects negatively on Peace Watch's research methods and objectivity.

The PHC is a legally registered non-profit private company operating in and from Jerusalem since July 1991, before the convening of the Madrid Peace Conference. Let alone the signing of the Oslo Accords, the PHC, which is not affiliated to any organization whatsoever, openly and clearly declares its objectives and functions.

The PHC's financial backbone consists of funds not exceeding \$80m. from legitimate international bodies, mainly the UN and the US government intended to reconstruct the neglected housing sector in the Palestinian cities, towns and villages. The PHC is using this money to build about 1,400 low-cost housing units to alleviate the housing crunch in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

According to the agreements signed between the PHC and the donors, these housing units will become the property of the PHC after they are completed. The PHC then sells them at cost to low- and middle-income Palestinian families who do not own a house or are unable

financially to build one, but can afford to pay the unit's down payment and monthly installments.

This procedure covers the entire Palestinian territories. Unfortunately, the PHC was unable to apply this in Jerusalem, which, according to the agreement with the European Union, was to get \$3 million for housing projects. Tough and discriminatory Israeli building laws, coupled with high cost of property and construction, as well as heavy taxes and levies, defeat the purpose and goals of the PHC. The alternative is a humble loan program to help Palestinians living in Jerusalem improve their habitat.

The PHC loan program envisions giving up to \$30,000 individual loans to Palestinians in East Jerusalem who have an official building permit and need financial assistance to either begin or complete the construction. So far several hundred people have applied for loans. This is usually the job of governments, banks, or housing credit institutions. But in the absence of such service for the Palestinians for obvious reasons, the PHC, as a service-oriented organization, took it upon itself to fill the void. The money allocated by the EU - not by the PA as claimed in the article - for the Jerusalem program is now to be used for the individual loan program.

Maher Abukhatir,
Public Relations Officer,
Palestinian Housing Council
Jerusalem.

MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Sir, - I suggest that a memorial museum for the victims of terrorism be established near Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. It should display the names and photos of the thousands of innocent men, women and children who fell to terrorism and huge color photos of the suicide bombings with all the attendant horrors of death and suffering, including terrorist acts of the past years such as

the Munich Olympics, the Kiryat Shmona and Ma'alot massacres, to name a few.

The museum would serve as a warning to the people of Israel and the world that a second Holocaust could happen again and in the Land of Israel.

LLOYD MORRISON
Berlin.

POSTSCRIPT

DANIEL MARVOSH has invented a clock system that automatically compensates for long winter nights and long summer days.

His "Sunrise Clock" adds a few seconds a day for half the year and subtracts a few seconds the other half. If the world adopted his way of telling time, he says, everyone's life would be brighter.

The 82-year-old Pasadena, California, inventor dares to challenge the concept of time shaped by the likes of Aristotle, Newton and Einstein.

Actually, says Marvosh, time is tampered with all the time. Daylight Saving Time, after all, was extended a month in 1987 after America's backyard-barbecue industry lobbied Congress for more time for evening cookouts.

Marvosh concocted his clock when he retired in 1972 and found he had time on his hands. "I was lying in bed about 4:30 one summer morning and I could hear birds chirping and bees humming outside. I asked myself, 'Why am I wasting all this daylight?' Here it was, light outside, but I was supposed to sleep another two hours."

Marvosh studied sunrise tables and concluded it would be easy to make dawn come roughly at the same time every day. All you needed to do was add a minute a day between December 21 and June 21 and subtract a minute each day from June 21 and December 21.

But how could you get clocks

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



"Mad" Magazine has come a long way. Artist Mort Drucker's 1990 cover art, depicting mascot Alfred E. Newman as promoter Don King sandwiched between boxers Mike Tyson (right) and Buster Douglas, is one of 400-plus pieces of original "Mad" art to be sold by Sotheby's at a special auction. This caricature is expected to fetch more than \$3,000. (AP)

to cooperate?

Marvosh realized power companies could adjust electric-powered clocks by slightly reducing generators' 60-cycle frequency in the spring and increasing it in the fall. Such fluctuations would have no effect on computers or other electrical devices, he said.

Marvosh then designed a battery-operated clock controlled by

two quartz crystals - one causing the clock motor to run glow enough to add a minute a day and the other subtracting a minute by speeding up the motor.

Marvosh runs his life on Sunrise Clock time, arising daily at dawn. He admits that his family relies on Standard Time. "They pretty much have to: the TV programs are on Standard Time," he explained.

مكتبة الامم المتحدة

Trying to keep pace with the transplant trend

Although there have been great breakthroughs in keeping organs usable, attitudes to transplants have barely changed, Leah Abramowitz writes

THE number of successful transplants in Israel, like all over the world, is growing every year. Yet the public's willingness to donate organs is lagging. Israelis are especially reluctant to interfere with anything that can be considered imposing on the sanctity of the dead. Since vital organs can only be "harvested" from a recently dead person, there is always a big gap between the number of candidates for liver, lung or heart transplants and the number of such organs available.

The figures tell the story. In 1988 there were 82 transplants performed in Israel; by 1992, there were already 144. By the end of 1992, there were 515 people waiting for kidney transplants, 55 waiting for heart transplants, and 28 waiting for liver transplants. Many of these patients have since received transplants abroad; there is a lively stream of local candidates being operated on in Europe and the US.

"There have been great breakthroughs in keeping organs usable," says Ruth Weiss, a social worker who until July was in charge of information and education at the National Center for Organ Contributions and Transplants (Israel Transplants, in short).

"But, unfortunately, there have been few changes in people's attitude to the subject of transplants," Weiss says.

According to Weiss, the process of procuring and transplanting organs involves five major

steps: 1. identifying potential donors; 2. obtaining family consent; 3. harvesting the organ; 4. allocating the organ to an appropriate candidate; and 5. actual transplantation (with the necessary medical follow-up).

Pimping potential donors brings transplant teams up against cultural and religious reservations, especially here. One Orthodox doctor, who prefers to remain anonymous, says that there are many misconceptions about the Jewish view on transplants.

Although there are various interpretations as to what, according to the Halacha, are the religiously approved criteria for declaring a potential donor "dead," the rabbis are much more liberal in permitting transplants for those deemed "halachically dead" than is generally recognized.

The Chief Rabbinate has made a public announcement stating clear guidelines as to when transplants are and are not permitted. Most religious leaders even consider it a mitzva if there is a clearly established patient whose life will be saved by an available organ.

Weiss says she believes that in Israel many potential donors are lost when physicians fail to identify them.

"At present only 40% of potential donors are identified," Weiss says.

The second stage is to approach the family and request their consent. In both the US and Israel, approximately 60% of

families approached for donation agree to donate. In the US, the procurement coordinators are usually trained nurses and social workers. In Israel, it is usually the surgeons who try to persuade families to agree to donate the required organ or organs.

Weiss says she believes that a multidisciplinary team is much preferred to a single staff member when approaching the families of recently dead patients.

She suggests that the team includes a senior doctor, a nurse, because there are "some things the family will only ask a nurse" and a social worker.

Although she knows many doctors consider calling in a psychologist or social worker an "intolerable dependency," the advantage of using extra

professionals when convincing families of the need for organ transplants makes it essential.

Weiss says it is vital to conduct multidisciplinary training sessions to increase the awareness among medical personnel of their own difficulties in coping with issues that crop up in connection with transplants, for example, the subject of death.

The workshops and seminars that Weiss organized for hospital staff also dealt with practical issues: When is a person legally dead, halachically dead or clinically dead? How to cope with stress in critical situations? What skills are required to explain the need for a transplant to family members?

On a broader view, the Israel Transplant organization "spreads

the gospel" of transplants to the general public through pamphlets, videotapes and campaigns.

Everyone who renews his driver's license in Israel gets a form to join ADI, named after a young man whose kidney transplant arrived too late. The form states that the driver is willing to donate his organs if he dies or is killed.

There are now 70,000 ADI card holders in Israel. - "1,200 new members every month," Weiss says with satisfaction, but "we'd like to get to a million."

The present number represents just 1% of the Israeli population; compared to 25% of the population in Europe and 15% in America.

Weiss has devoted a great deal of time and effort to educational

programs for high-school and college students, considering it an investment in the future.

"There's quite a lot of objection to programs for young people," Weiss says.

Many educators are afraid of parents' reaction, and are themselves uncomfortable with the subject. But some schools were very cooperative. In Ashdod, Weiss ran a series of seminars on transplants for eight classes of 12th graders, in which they gave a lot of scope to ethics and philosophical matters.

The third step of the process of transplants, called the "harvesting" or retrieval of an organ, is relatively straightforward and presents few difficulties for Israeli doctors. Once, inefficient inter-

hospital data hindered allocating

organs to suitable candidates. Now, however, there is a central listing of those waiting for organs and nationally accepted criteria for determining how to rank priorities.

The final stage, that of actual transplantation, gives satisfaction to all involved, as Israel's success rates do not fall below those of European or American medical centers.

Fewer transplants are performed locally, but many Israeli transplant surgeons have studied abroad, and return only after gaining considerable experience in this difficult field.

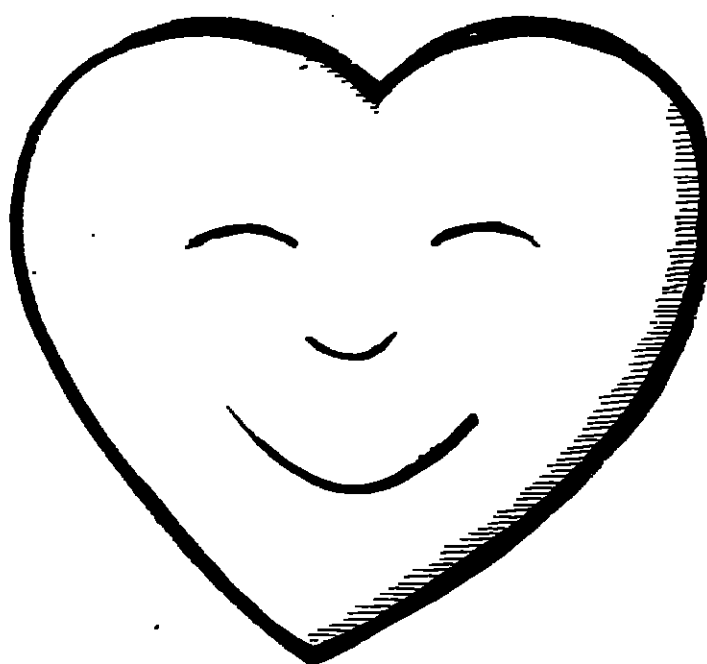
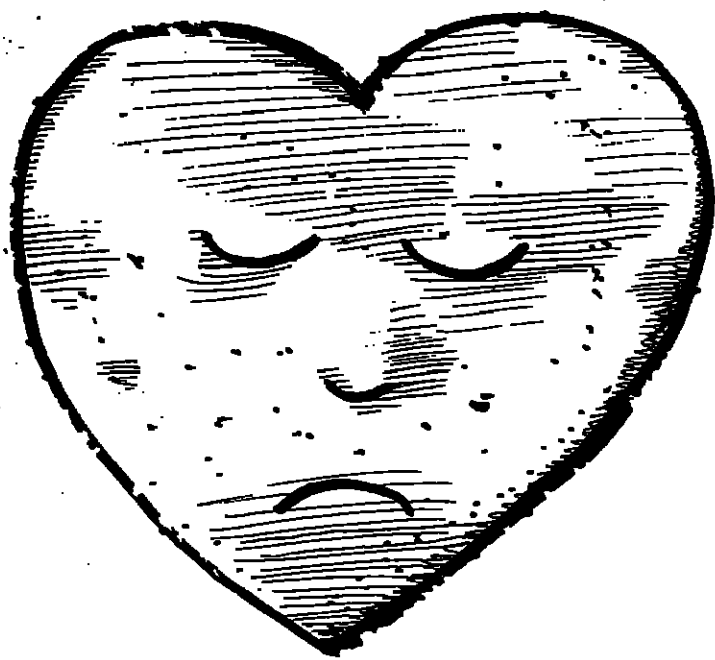
In short, although medically the Israeli transplant picture is quite advanced, it requires additional coordination and education of the general population and of the hospital staff involved in the procedure. The Israel Transplant organization is doing much to overcome the bureaucratic and cultural factors that intervene. Weiss emphasizes the importance of better understanding the view of minorities regarding transplants and death.

"We have to learn what the Beduin view is and what the Ethiopian immigrants know about the subject," she says. "We have different concepts on the body, on timing burials, and on reincarnation from that of the Druse community, for instance."

"We have to understand their beliefs before we can get their cooperation in something as drastic as transplanting organs from their dead relatives' bodies."

The sensitivity and dedication displayed by Weiss and others like her will no doubt lead to improvements in the procurement of organs from the wider Israeli population. Hopefully, it will also bring about greater cooperation among the medical profession in the country.

"Transplants in Israel, one might say, is a system in transition, but one that is consistently improving," Weiss sums up on a hopeful note.



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If you've shared your bed, you should share your feelings



Dear Ruthie, I am 79 and my wife is 75. We both have little ailments common to people of our age, many of which are exacerbated at night after going to bed. I have trouble falling asleep when it is hot. My wife's back requires that the sleep flat. I need all the windows open, while she insists on having them closed. She sleeps with a heavy blanket, even in the summer.

My problem is that my wife thinks we should move into separate bedrooms so that we each can be as comfortable as possible at night. This makes me uneasy. We have shared a bed as husband and wife for 55 years. Is this some kind of hidden message from her to me? Or am I being too sensitive?

Bed-Riddance

Somewhere in Israel
Dear Bed-Riddance,
If you have shared a bed with this woman for all of your married life, you should be able to share these feelings with her. The only way to judge whether you are being too sensitive is to examine the spirit in which your wife's suggestion is being made. If relations between you are good in other respects and your wife merely wishes to find a way to get a good night's sleep, you have no cause for alarm.

If, however, there are other signals indicating that she wants you out of her hair, then perhaps the separate bedroom idea is her way of "moving out." It may also be a method for avoiding sex.

In either case, talk to her about it. If nocturnal comfort is the only real problem, perhaps you could solve it by having separate beds

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM

in the same room. Or by getting a huge bed custom-made.

Dear Ruthie,

My youngest son has just entered the army. Many of my friends warned me against the "empty nest syndrome": how I'd feel lonely with no kids at home, and how I'd have to learn to get to know my husband on different terms. Well, I don't feel lonely without the kids around - I feel liberated. And as far as getting to know my husband is concerned - I'd rather not. He and I have grown apart (if we ever were together in the first place.) He is married to his job.

All I can think of now is having an affair. It sounds awful, but I'm too young to sit back and wait away. I also don't plan on getting a divorce. If I've stuck it out this long, I'm not going to start over now. Is it so wrong for me to want a little romance in my life?

Liberated and Longing
Somewhere in Israel

People have affairs all the time. Many are torn about it. Rarely, however, does someone seek advice about this kind of conflict prior to consummation. Threatening to commit adultery, while justifying it on the grounds of "withering away," is a plea for approval or permission.

Unfortunately, I cannot offer you either. And even if I could, it would be meaningless. It is yourself you must face. You must think long and hard about the reason for these feelings. Perhaps your desire for an affair is a

marital escape fantasy: getting caught, for example, might be a way of causing your husband to end the marriage. If so, you could skip the affair and get right to the therapy. Therapy might not be a bad idea for you.

Dear Ruthie,

My 14-year-old son is in a roller-blade frenzy, as are most of his friends. I have nothing against it, but am worried about safety. Though he has every possible knee-guard, elbow-guard and helmet, he has gotten so proficient that he performs tricks which are just plain dangerous. Nothing I say can persuade him to stop trying to do flips in mid-air and the like. He laughs me off, saying he knows what he's doing. How should I approach this?

Blade Dissuader
Jerusalem

Dear B.D.,
Though it's not much consolation, most of your worry stems from your son's honesty about his prowess. Being the age he is, he is bound to be doing all kinds of things which would make you uneasy if you knew about them. (Have you ever seen kids climbing school fences?)

If your son is taking the necessary precautions to prevent serious head and limb injury, at least you should appreciate his awareness on this score. And remember how you felt the first time he crossed a street by himself or took his first public bus ride.

Letters should be addressed to: Dear Ruthie, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

A primer on packets of portable power

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

ONCE upon a time, batteries were those little things listed as "not included" on box labels. Today, they are the oxygen of our over-charged lives. Staying put near an electrical outlet long enough to perform even simple tasks is out. Working on the move is in. Let's take a closer look at these packets of portable power.

In lay terms, there are two main types of batteries (solelot): disposable (regilot) and rechargeable (nu'anot). Disposable batteries have chemicals inside them which react to create electricity. Rechargeable batteries have metals inside them which store electricity when charged.

There are two specialized batteries on the market. Button batteries (solelot kufot) - commonly used in small electronic instruments - are small, flat and round. Warning: as they are shiny and tiny, they are easy and attractive prey for young children. Their contents, however, are very poisonous (usually alkaline based). Swallowing them requires immediate emergency room attention.

Lithium batteries (solelot litum) - commonly used for photographic equipment and digital watches - are shaped slightly differently from other common batteries. They are the most expensive disposable batteries, with an unusually long shelf life. While others "run out" gradually, even when not in use, lithium batteries will last 10 years if they are not used. This is why they are used in the blower (mapuah) of our children's gas masks - which need to be functional at any given moment - without our having to be concerned with battery inertia.

The most common batteries in the market for household use come in AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 Volt (zish'a volt) sizes - both in disposable and rechargeable form. The cheapest disposable

variety is electrolit. These run out quickly, have a short shelf life, and leak their chemicals after becoming inert. This leakage not only damages the instrument the battery is serving, but constitutes both a health and an environmental hazard.

It is thus better to purchase alkaline batteries. Though more expensive (e.g. a package of four AA costs about NIS 15), these are longer lasting, and do not leak their poisons when dead. (Duracell and Energizer are examples of alkaline brand names.) These are best stored in the fridge (not the freezer!) to preserve freshness. The cold temperature slows down the internal chemical reaction - and hence, the "shelf" discharge rate - of the batteries.

Rechargeable batteries (solelot nickel cadmium) - which can be used in any instrument not specifying otherwise - are more than twice as expensive as alkaline, but are much cheaper to use in the long run, as they can be recharged up to 1000 times. These most frequently contain nickel (Ni) and cadmium (Cd), and can be requested in most stores. A good "universal" charger (ma'en l'solelot) - one which accommodates all of the above sizes (simultaneously charging four batteries, in any combination of sizes) - costs a mere NIS 30 to NIS 45. Definitely worth the investment, especially for those of you with children who could put you in the poor house at the rate which they blip and bleep their way into oblivion.

For those of you requiring extended uninterrupted battery use (e.g. for divers who can't have their underwater flashlights conk out on them at an inconvenient

moment), all of the sizes listed above - with the exception of 9 volt - come in high capacity (solela l'hespek gavoha). These are nearly twice the price of regular rechargeables.

Every charger provides a table indicating the recharging time of each type of battery. Following the table will help to preserve the batteries for optimal use.

It is good to have at least two full sets of batteries to enable use of one set while the other is being recharged.

Note: a new kind of charger (ma'en l'solelot regilot) is now on the market boasting the ability to recharge disposable batteries. Though I haven't yet investigated it, reviving a chemical reaction - once inert - through electrical charging seems to me to be of questionable effectiveness.

Helpful hint: try to wait until a battery is empty before recharging it. If it gets recharged regular-

ly when half full, it will begin to get "conditioned" (consider itself empty, even when half full). Sophisticated chargers - like those found in camcorders - empty their own batteries prior to recharging, to prevent conditioning. This is called a discharger charger (ma'en porek).

To dispose of any batteries: bring to shops which have special containers for this purpose. The poisonous chemicals and harmful metals are an environmental hazard. If you are unsure where to locate such a collection point, inquire at your local hardware or photography store. If they don't have one, they'll probably know who does.

In answer to a reader's inquiry about removing peach stains from clothing: apply liquid Fantastik cleaner directly to the stain, wait an hour, and then wash as usual in the machine.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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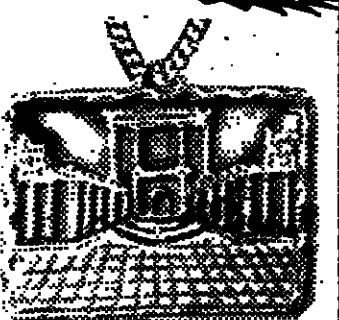
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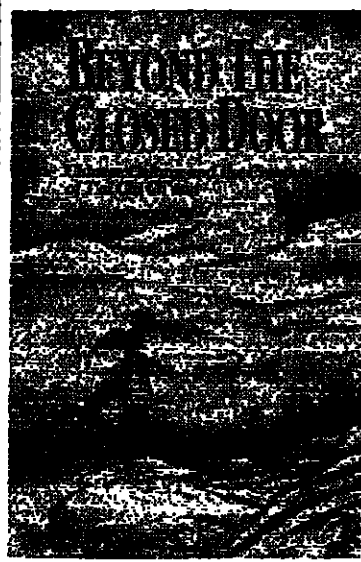
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Intel to put \$1.6b.
into K. Gat plant

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Intel Corporation has agreed in principle to invest in an \$1.6 billion plant in Kiryat Gat. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said yesterday.

A major stumbling block to the project was the requirement under the Capital Investments Encouragement Law that the government provide \$600m. in grants. The current budget crunch is limiting the government's ability to keep up with its obligations to match industrial investments with grants, Shohat reported.

According to Treasury spokesman Elisheva Braun, Shohat succeeded in getting the company to agree to have the grants stretched out over a 10-year period.

This would be the largest foreign investment in the country ever. Annual turnover from the new semiconductor plant is expected to be \$1b., Braun said.

The plant will also employ 1,500 workers and indirectly generate several thousands of jobs.

Intel already has a production plant in Jerusalem and a research and development facility in Haifa.

"We are holding very intensive negotiations but they are still not concluded. But it looks very positive," Shohat told reporters. "There are still a number of points that we haven't agreed upon but if we reach an agreement I believe the investment will be implemented very quickly."

Japan announces \$137 billion
economic stimulus package

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's biggest economic stimulus package ever won cabinet approval yesterday and government officials expressed confidence it would help jump-start the sluggish economy.

The package will pump \$136.73 billion into the economy, officials said.

Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters after the package's approval that it sends a message that the government is determined to bring about an economic turnaround.

But the reaction from financial markets was mixed, with Tokyo's main stock index falling 1.5 percent and the dollar easing off from 15-month highs. Traders said markets focused on problems still plaguing the economy and disappointment that the measures did not include cuts in taxes on land and securities transactions.

Private economists welcomed the package, but cautioned that such fundamental stumbling blocks as a stagnant real estate market, \$400b. in bad loans held by banks, and excess manufacturing capacity have yet to be addressed.

Merrill Lynch economist Ron Bevacqua said the package was "much more positive than had been expected," but that "we've still got a number of structural issues to deal with that this package doesn't do much for."

The package gained impact from being larger

than the originally rumored \$96.15 billion.

In a sign that it is learning to manipulate world opinion to keep canny investors from factoring such spending programs into prices long before they are announced, the government deliberately lowered expectations.

On Tuesday, Economic Planning Agency chief Isamu Miyazaki was describing the package as "OK, I guess."

News of the size of the package was such a surprise to New York exchange markets that the dollar reached a 15-month intraday high of 104.64 yen, a level not seen since June 7, 1994, when it hit 105.33 yen.

But the dollar eased back to 103.70 yen in afternoon trading in Tokyo, as investors absorbed the news of the package and turned their concerns to government attempts to bolster the dollar.

The package is aimed at breathing life back into Japan's sluggish economy after four years of recession, but some remain skeptical that it will spur a sustained recovery since five similar measures over the past several years have had a limited effect.

The package was released two days after the government announced that the economy grew at an annual rate of 3.1 percent in the April-June quarter.

Nice Systems has
best year on TASE

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

NICE Systems achieved a nominal yield of 129.7 percent, making it the best performing stock traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in 1994, Bank Hapoalim reported yesterday. The electronics company is traded on the Two-Sided market.

Hapoalim looked at the performance of shares traded on the TASE between September 4, 1994 and September 18, 1995.

The TASE had a mixed year with the General Share Index down 2.65% in nominal terms.

The chemical sector achieved a positive yield of 10.98%, while the oil exploration and insurance sectors achieved negative returns of 73.27% and 21.59%, respectively.

The second best performer was J.M. Eini Metal Industries, which registered a nominal return of 118.4%, followed by Nikov Computers, which achieved a yield of 110.1%.

The worst performing share was Rabintex Industries, which suffered a negative nominal yield of 90.1%.

Other poor performers were Isramco, which reported a negative yield of 89.2%, and La Nationale Insurance, which suffered a negative yield of 85.7%.

The following are the ten best and worst performing stocks in 1994:

Nice Systems achieved a yield of +129.7%; Eini +118.4%; Nikov Computers +110.7%; Pass-Port +103.5%; Spancrete +91.7%; Electra Consumer +77.8%; Urieli +75.2%; Techn +74.2%; Miloumor +72.8%; Email +72.5%.

Rabintex achieved a return of -90.1%; Isramco -89.2%; La Nationale -85.7%; Givot Olam -85.7%; Yesh Gad -85%; Reichert -84%; Navigator Investment -83%; Oil Fields -8.4%; Abjac Mazal -82.2%; MI Lasers -81.3%.

Koffolk
opens
third plant

RACHEL NEIMAN

KOFFOLK Vitamins and Fine Chemicals yesterday opened a third factory, its second in the Ramat Hovav industrial park. A 10-year contract between Koffolk and pharmaceutical giant Merck and Co. was the driving force behind the new plant, which cost \$18 million.

Koffolk is owned by US-based Philipp Brothers Chemicals, which is the Bendheim family.

The company recently signed a long term \$66 billion contract with Merck and will become the sole manufacturer of animal health drug amprolium, which is based on Merck technology.

Koffolk owner Jack Bendheim said he hopes to convince Merck to invest in Israel. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met with Don Fittenberg, executive director of Merck Ag Vet, and Kerry Murphy, of its technology department. Advancement of the peace process is seen as key to the company's decision.

Koffolk (including UK subsidiary Wychem), reports 1994 sales of \$54m., of which \$32m. exports. The new factory is expected to increase production by \$20m. Exports are expected to rise by \$12m.

At yesterday's opening in the presence of Economics and Planning Minister Yossi Beilin, Koffolk general manager Avraham Raz said the company has already filed a request with the Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center to fund a planned fourth factory.

Michael Yudelman adds: Bendheim, a vice president of AIPAC, is extremely active in promoting the peace process and the government's positions. He said that most American Jews favor peace in the region, and are well aware of the tremendous economic openings that the Oslo agreements and peace with Jordan provide.

Bendheim is also the president of the Israel Policy Forum, a body he established two years ago to advance and explain the Israeli government's positions in the US, and especially the peace process.

Observant himself, Bendheim said that "most Orthodox Jews I know who live in the territories are in favor of the peace process and territorial concessions."

"But they are deeply concerned with their personal security and do not trust [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin not to compromise on Jerusalem. That is the crux of the matter. I myself firmly believe Rabin has no intention of compromising."

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Egged makes NIS 63m. in '94

RACHEL NEIMAN

EGGED announced positive annual 1994 results yesterday together with a warning that profitability is being endangered by poor roads and terrorist acts.

While the report marks Egged's sixth profitable year since initiating reforms in 1989, net profits for 1994 dropped 33% to NIS 63.6 million from NIS 95.3m. Revenues were NIS 1.65 billion from NIS 1.72b.

The bus cooperative attributed the decline to decreased revenues on service lines in real terms, a drop in revenues on special and tourist bus lines, and cuts in government subsidies.

Total costs were NIS 1.58b. from NIS 1.62b. of which 69.3% went on salaries, 5.9% went to fuel, 5.7% on upkeep of buses, and 11.6% on operating costs.

Egged chairman Shlomo Levin said the country's roads were largely responsible for a decline in bus riders, as "entire sections of roads have become parking lots."

"When roads are not available we cannot provide our product. We can't meet our timetables," he said, that while road construction work is ongoing, at best it has managed to stave off further deterioration and called on the government to further invest in roadwork.

Egged is now in the process of negotiating a new contract with the government. The cooperative would like special bus lines set up, a change in the tariff structure, and real measures to ensure the safety of public transportation users.

Levin also said Egged has been approached by almost all entities interested in bidding on urban and inter-urban railway tenders.

A proposed merger of Egged and Dan is still under discussion. During 1994, 220 Egged members retired and 60 were accepted. As of December 1994, Egged had 8,295 workers of which 4,121 were members of the cooperative.

Female soldiers make up 22.4% of Egged-riders, youths make up 16.4%, and 14.1% are male soldiers.

Slight increase in
interest rates expected

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Bank of Israel is expected to announce today its monetary program for next month, which economists estimate will include a slight increase in interest rates based on indicators pointing to higher inflation.

The interest on the central bank's monetary tenders for commercial banks is expected to increase by the end of the year to an effective interest rate of 15-15.5 percent (14.5-14% in nominal terms), according to a report issued yesterday by Bank Discount's economics department.

Discount said most economic indicators support a rise in interest rates by the Bank of Israel. The indicators include an increase of 0.2% points in the pub-

lic's inflationary expectations for the next year.

The rise in interest rates is also supported by the 35% growth in the money supply during the last few months, high local demand and the continued drop in unemployment.

The economist said a rise in interest rates by the Bank of Israel must be accompanied with complementary measures in the foreign currency market so as to reduce private sector foreign currency sales. Discount said the central bank has failed in its attempts to stop the influx of foreign currency by widening the diagonal band of the "crawling peg" from 5% to 7% above and below the midpoint.

NATIONAL
INSURANCE
INSTITUTEADDENDUM TO THE SOCIAL
SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND GERMANY

On February 12, 1995, Israel and Germany signed an addendum to their social security agreement. Under the terms of the addendum, Jews of East European origin may have their rights recognized for Old Age and Survivors' Pensions from German Social Security, if they fulfill all the following conditions:

1. They immigrated to Israel before July 1, 1990, and hold Israeli citizenship.
2. They accumulated periods of work, in East European countries.
3. During the period in which the influence of National Socialism spread to what was then the applicant's homeland, the applicant's language and culture were German, and he/she was then aged 16 or over.

The following table lists part of the territories in question and, alongside them, the dates that have been established for the rise of National Socialism in these areas.

Those born in the territories listed below should check whether on the date alongside the place names they belonged to the German culture and linguistic group and were already 16 years old.

Territory of Origin	National Socialism Influence starting	Territory of Origin	National Socialism Influence starting
Danzig	30/1/1933	Northern Bukovina and Bessarabia	6/7/1941
Sudeten Area	1/10/1938	Districts in Yugoslavia	
Slovakia	14/3/1939	- Lower Shtetmark and Kranj	10/4/1941
Bohemia and Moravia	16/3/1939	- Croatia	30/4/1941
Memel Area	23/3/1939	- Serbia and Western Banat	30/5/1941
Areas of East Europe annexed to Germany and the territory of Poland under Nazi control		Bialystok and Lvov Areas	1/8/1941
(excluding Bialystok and Lvov)	18/9/1939	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine	1/9/1941
Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania (excluding northern Bukovina and Bessarabia)	6/4/1941		

Survivor's Pension: Survivors of persons meeting the above eligibility criteria may submit claims for survivors' pensions.

Please note:

A German pension approved on the basis of insurance periods acquired in the countries of origin, may be payable in Israel only if, in addition, contributions were paid to the German Social Security, or if, insurance periods will be acquired retroactively, according to this addendum.

Nevertheless, the majority of those eligible will not be required to pay the German insurance contributions out of their own pockets, and the contributions owed by the claimants will be deducted from the accumulated retroactive sum they will receive.

Date for Submitting Claims

The addendum to the Social Security Agreement will become effective after ratification by both countries. Claims for the pension may be submitted up to two years after the ratification date. The German Social Security authorities have agreed to accept applications for claims, under the terms of the addendum, at the present time (before the addendum takes effect).

Those who fulfill all the above criteria may submit claims to the German Insurance Institute.

For this purpose, no special application form is necessary; it is sufficient to send the following details in clear writing, in German or English: Full name of claimant, gender, family name at time of birth, date and place of birth, date of immigration to Israel, profession and place of work before immigration, Israeli I.D. number, current citizenship, correct address in Israel (including zip code).

In submitting a Claim for Survivor's Pension, the above details must also be given on the deceased. Claimants will be requested to submit more detailed applications at a later date.

Applications should be submitted to the National Insurance Institute, Liaison Office for International Conventions, Main Branch, POB 90009, Jerusalem 91909, Attn.: Addendum to Agreement.

The Liaison Office for International Conventions will forward the application to the appropriate German Social Security office and send confirmation of its transfer to the applicant.

Information booklets in Hebrew, German and English will be available at National Insurance Institute branch offices at a later date. An announcement will be made in the press.

Information and Public Relations

National Insurance - the right to feel secure

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US dollar ... NIS 3.0370	-0.20%
Sterling ... NIS 4.7005	-0.00%
Mark ... NIS 2.0556	+0.52%

New York market indexes

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	4762.80	-35.85
DJ Transport	1972.78	-3.34
DJ Utility	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Energy	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Chemical	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Food	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Health	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Tech	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Media	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Telecom	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Real Estate	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Commodities	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Metals	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Precious Metals	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Energy	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Chemical	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Food	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Health	1018.15	-1.77
DJ Tech	1018.15	-1.77
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DJ Telecom	1018.15	-1.77
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DJ Metals	1018.15	-1.77
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Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
NYSE 100	4762.80	-35.85
NYSE Midcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Smallcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Microcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Biotech	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Energy	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Chemical	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Food	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Health	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Tech	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Media	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Telecom	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Real Estate	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Commodities	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Metals	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Precious Metals	1018.15	-1.77

Israeli stocks in NY

Index	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX	4762.80	-35.85
NYSE Midcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Smallcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Microcap	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Biotech	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Energy	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Chemical	1018.15	-1.77
NYSE Food	1018.15	-1.77
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NYSE Media	1018.15	-1.77
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Two-sided trading

AFTERNOON

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Shares little changed as phone disruptions limit trading

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ



SHARES on the TASE closed little changed for a second straight day, as phone service disruptions cut calls to Tel Aviv traders.

The Two-Sided Index of 100 issues closed unchanged from Tuesday at 205.56, and the Maof Index of top 25 shares fell 0.13 percent, to 209.37. Across the exchange, nearly nine shares rose for every five that fell.

Shares worth some NIS 72.6 million changed hands today, about NIS 16.2 million below Tuesday and about NIS 30 million above last week's average.

The phone-service problems "had a strong impact on trading," said Idan Azoulay, a portfolio manager at B.L.T. Erch Securities & Investments Ltd.

Share prices were not influenced by concern that Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel may raise interest rates, he said.

"Everybody's saying if Frenkel does raise rates, he won't raise them by more than 0.5 percentage points," he said. "The market's already digested it."

In late July, the central bank lowered the rate at which it lends to banks 0.3 percentage points, to 13.2%.

The Bank of Israel is expected to announce its interest rate policy this afternoon, after trading closes for the day. Today is the last trading day before Rosh Hashana.

Share prices yesterday were constrained by next week's Maof Index options expiry, said Azoulay. Outstanding call and put options on the index have it pegged at 208.2.

"There's a strong war on over the options," he said. "It will influence the market until next Thursday, when the options expire."

Azoulay attributed a 1.25% decline in Bezeq, which had gained as much as 1.5% during the day, to pressure from those holding Maof index options.

"Somebody decided the index was too high, so he dumped Bezeq," he said.

Also on the Maof Index, holding company Koor Industries Ltd. fell 1.75%. Koor is expected to offer shares in New York next month; for now, "Everybody's waiting to see what the price will be," said Azoulay.

Other decliners on the Maof Index included Israeli Chemicals Ltd., which fell 1.25%; Bank Hapoalim B.M., down 0.5%, and holding company Clal (Israel) Ltd., down 0.25%.

Gaining shares on the index included investment company IDB Holding Corp. which rose 0.25%, and Africa Israel Ltd. issue 1, up 1%, and Africa Israel issue 0.1, which rose 0.25%.

"There's talk that foreign investors are buying IDB and Africa Israel," explained Azoulay.

Other gainers on the index included Teva, which rose 0.75%, and food manufacturer Osem, which rose 1.25%.

After trading closed in Tel Aviv, the Amex/Oscar Gruss Israel Index rose as much as 1.03, to 156.47. The index, which measures 11 Israeli companies traded in the US, closed at an annual high of 164.4 on Tuesday. (Bloomberg)

London markets rise

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Share prices closed higher in London yesterday buoyed by Wall Street but with interest-rate hopes tinged with doubt after the latest set of UK data showed robust money supply growth. The FTSE 100 index closed 20.1 points up at 3,561.5.

FRANKFURT - Shares closed floor trade lower as a sharp decline in airline Lufthansa AG shares offset gains in banking sector shares. The 30-share DAX closed 6.20 lower at 2,305.08 points, just above the session low at 2,302.16. Lufthansa's ordinary shares slumped 3.7 percent to 211.50 marks on market rumors analysts had downgraded earnings estimates for the group. In post-bourse trade the DAX index fell to 2,294.15.

PARIS - French shares closed with a loss of almost 1% as foreign investors showed disappointment in the government's 1996 budget.

Traders said the market quickly gave the day's gains after US investors aggressively sold in the futures market. The CAC-40 index closed down 18.71 points or 0.99 percent to 1,863.79.

TOKYO - Stocks closed sharply lower after the announcement at midday of Japan's long-awaited economic stimulus package failed to stimulate the market. Brokers said the package did not disappoint investors but it contained no surprises and fresh buying faded in the afternoon. The Nikkei average closed down 275.74 points or 1.49 percent at 18,964.04.

HONG KONG - Shares ended slightly weaker on profit-taking in narrow trade and reduced volume. The Hang Seng index ended down 15.18 points at 9,630.96, after hitting an intraday high of 9,684.58.

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue chip stocks rose yesterday after telephone giant AT&T said it will split into three publicly traded companies.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks gained 25.65 points, to close at 4,792.69. But nearly all of the gain was attributed to AT&T. Without the telephone company's rise, traders and analysts noted, the market was flat.

AT&T, a Dow industrial component, shot up more than \$6 in leading volume on the New York Stock Exchange. According to a breakup plan approved by company directors, AT&T shareholders would hold shares in each company. The fourth business, AT&T Capital Corp., would be sold.

Stock traders and analysts were pleasantly surprised by the announcement. The plan isolates AT&T's computing technology business, which has been a drain on the company since AT&T bought NCR four years ago in a bid to enter the computer business. Under the plan, NCR would be spun off as an independent company and renamed.

Stocks opened higher, defying an early dip in bond prices. But stocks failed to extend their gains even after bonds recovered in the afternoon. The 30-year US Treasury bond was up \$5 per \$1,000 face value late in the session on technical factors, after trading down that much earlier in the day. The dollar was lower.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK	—	0.441014	70.2225	0.801821	3.450814
STERLING	2.268272	—	159.1325	1.816284	7.812614
YEN	1.423345	0.627885	—	1.141028	4.900914
SPY	124.8178	0.548406	87.5560	—	4.300214
FFr	0.268889	0.127878	29.3841	0.232225	—

Davis Cuppers begin tie against Slovenia today

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL'S Davis Cup squad begins its campaign to stay in the competition's second division today as youngsters Eyal Ran and Eyal Erlich turn out as the home side's mainstays.

Israel is favored to beat Slovenia in the three-day event and at yesterday's draw, made at the Israel Tennis Center at Ramat Hasharon, it was determined that Eyal Ran will open against Slovenian No. 2 Borut Urh and Israel No. 2 Erlich will then face Slovenia's top racket, Iztok Bozic.

This is the first tie for well over a decade in which neither Amos Mansdorf nor Gilad Bloom are

playing singles and will be a major test for the young Israelis despite their superior ranking. At 200, Ran is placed over 500 slots higher than Urh (716) in the IBM/ATP rankings.

Erlich, is higher ranked by about 100 slots compared to Slovenian No. 1 Bozic, who is currently placed at 399.

Bloom will be making his final appearance for the national team in tomorrow's doubles when he teams up with Noam Behr. The Slovenians are yet to name their duo for tomorrow's action.

Play starts at 3 pm at Canada Stadium, Ramat Hasharon.

England enacting new anti-hooligan measures

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain said yesterday it planned to use immigration powers for the first time in living memory to stop overseas soccer hooligans disrupting the 1996 European championships in England.

A spokesman for the Home Office said it would coordinate with the soccer unit at Britain's National Criminal Intelligence Service to intercept foreign hooligans at British ports and airports.

Under existing immigration laws, Britain has the right to refuse entry to anyone whose presence "is not conducive to the public good", the spokesman said.

"In living memory, we've not used these regulations to stop hooligans coming in. But we will use them if we have to," he said.

English hooligans have disrupted the last two European championships, in Germany in 1988 and in Sweden in 1992, clashing with

foreign rivals.

Last February, a friendly international in Dublin against Ireland was abandoned after English supporters rioted.

Concern over another bout of hooliganism at an England friendly against Norway in Oslo on October 11 has led Norway to introduce new regulations which allow police to bar entry to anyone with a criminal record, British soccer sources said.

They said Norwegian police can refuse entry to anyone who has committed a crime within the past five years which would merit a three-month sentence in Norway.

A Football Association spokeswoman said English soccer officials would explore every avenue to prevent a repeat of the Dublin riot.

"We are taking every possible precaution and talking to all relevant authorities," she said.

Manchester Utd. loses to Second Div. York

LONDON (Reuters) - Manchester United suffered a humiliating 3-0 reverse at home to Second Division York in an English League Cup second round first leg match on yesterday.

Both sides ended the match with 10 players, with United's Pat McGibbon ordered off after 50 minutes for a professional foul and York's Paul Baker dismissed for a second bookable offence 15 minutes from the end.

Paul Barnes fired York into the lead at Old Trafford after 24 minutes and added a second goal from the penalty spot six minutes into the second half, a minute after McGibbon had been given his marching orders.

Tony Barras made it 3-0 for York just two minutes after Barnes's second goal, leaving United a formidable task in the

return leg at the Second Division club's ground.

Holders Liverpool won 2-0 at home to First Division Sunderland, with England international Steve McManaman opening the scoring in the eighth minute with a great shot from 20 meters after taking the ball from the toes of team mate Mark Wright as the defender lined up a shot at the end of a surging run.

Results of English League Cup second round, first leg matches yesterday: Aston Villa 6, Peterborough 0; Birmingham 3, Grimsby 1; Bristol Rovers 0, West Ham 1; Coventry 2, Hull 0; Leicester 2, Burnley 0; Liverpool 2, Sunderland 0; Manchester United 0, York 3; Middlesbrough 2, Rotherham 1; Millwall 0, Everton 0; Norwich 6, Torquay 1; Reading 1, West Bromwich 1; Sheffield United 2, Bury 1; Stoke 0, Chelsea 0; Swindon 2, Blackburn 3; Tottenham 4, Chester 0; Wolverhampton 2, Fulham 0.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Seventh time the charm for Geller

Joyce Geller won the Netanya club's singles championship in lawn bowls last weekend - for herself an eventual triumph after six previous runner-up titles. Her win added to her previous successes, when earlier this year she won the "Wingate Fives" and in 1991, she won the national singles championship. Betty Warach, contesting the final, held on for eight heads to peel at seven-all. Thereafter, Geller surged ahead to win 21-9.

The men's title went to Norman Golding, who in an evenly contested game, did well to beat the more experienced Berold Aronowitz 21-15, collecting his five winning shots in the last three heads.

Norman Spiro

Jones to captain Derbyshire

Former Australia test batsman Dean Jones has accepted a two-year contract to captain English county side Derbyshire, the *Herald Sun* newspaper reported yesterday.

The paper said the 34-year-old Victorian would join Derbyshire for the start of next year's county championship.

"It's a worthwhile opportunity. Derbyshire has a pretty good attack, I reckon we might be able to be pretty competitive," Jones told the newspaper.

Kim Barnett has stood down as Derbyshire captain after 13 seasons in charge.

Reuter

Disciplinary panel hears bribe case

UEFA disciplinary officials heard testimony Wednesday from a Spanish referee who was allegedly offered a bribe by Dynamo Kiev to rig the Ukrainian team's September 13 Champions Cup match against Panathinaikos of Greece.

Salvatore Cucu, a UEFA spokesman, said the European confederation's Control and Disciplinary Commission had called an extraordinary meeting to hear from the referee, Antonio Lopez Nieto, who refused the alleged bribe.

Two top officials of the Ukrainian team and Dynamo's delegate to the Group A match were also heard by the commission.

Cucu gave no further details but said there would be a statement on the case later in the day.

AP

Israel shuts down Uruguay in friendly

Convincing soccer triumph restores nat'l pride

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAEL'S national soccer squad helped restore local faith in the game with an impressive 3-1 victory against Copa America champions Uruguay in last night's friendly meeting at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium.

Eli Ohana opened the scoring in the 33rd minute, with Reuven Atar and substitute Eli Driks adding one each in the second half. Marcelo Otero hit a solitary goal in reply in the 64th minute to pull the game back to 2-1 during the visitors' best spell.

The match - part of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations - also marked Ohana's 42nd and final appearance in national colors.

The veteran Betar Jerusalem attacker received a special trophy from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in recognition of his distinguished career prior to the game. South American dancers and a firework display added to the carnival-like atmosphere, but the real action took place on the field where a remodeled Israeli side - featuring just four players from the starting line up that lost to Slovakia - netted three splendid goals.

Ohana closed his account with the national side with a goal worthy of the occasion.

Iztik Zohar streaked down the right wing beating three men before cutting infield into the penalty area. The Maccabi Tel Aviv midfielder sent defender Claudio Elias spinning to the ground with a piece of ball wizardry reminiscent of the move by Ferenc Pus-



NOWHERE TO RUN - Uruguay's Gustavo Mendez rushes for the ball between Iztik Zohar (foreground) and Tal Banin during last night's friendly. (AP)

kas against Billy Wright at Wembley four decades ago. Instead of shooting, Zohar crossed plumb into the path of Ohana who gleefully sidefooted the ball home beyond the helpless Leonardo Ro-

may. With his contribution duly recorded Ohana made way for Ofer Mizrahi.

With Uruguayan Coach Hector Nunez fielding just four players from his Copa final lineup that

beat Brazil, it was clear that visitors were far from at full strength. Nevertheless they continued to lack creative ideas as well as organization, and too often let the Israelis dominate in midfield

while demonstrating a severe lack of finishing power in attack. Both sides made multiple substitutions in the second half.

Israel's second goal involved further inspiration from Zohar whose pinpoint pass in the 57th minute found Reuven Atar roaming free near the edge of the Uruguayan box. Atar had the crowd back on its feet as he cheekily tucked the ball into the net through Romay's legs.

The 2-0 scoreline sent the South Americans into a more workmanlike mode. Substitute Diego Secane muffed three good chances before Otero embarrassed the Israeli defense with his 64th minute header. In the spell that followed the Uruguayans looked their most dangerous. With almost his first touch since entering the game, substitute Eli Driks hit Israel's final goal (79) following some powerful play and a pinpoint pass from the right by Mizrahi. The Maccabi Herzliya striker almost registered a late goal in his own right, but was foiled by the stationer.

As the final whistle blew on a fine Israeli performance, the crowd was left to ponder how Uruguay could possibly have beaten Brazil, and how Israel had nosedived out of Europe. On the plus side, Israeli coach Shlomo Scharf will be immensely satisfied by the performances of Zohar, Atar, Gadi Brumer and Arlik Benado. If only the side could learn to register such results when it really matters.

Padres' slugger sets mark

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Ken Caminiti became the first player in Major League history to homer from both sides of the plate three times in a season as he went 4-for-4 with eight RBIs during the San Diego Padres 15-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Caminiti's switch-hitting feat came in just four games. He homered from both sides against Chicago both Saturday and Sunday.

Giants 7, Dodgers 2
Mark Leiter scattered seven hits over 7 1/3 innings as visiting San Francisco pounded Hideo Nomo.

Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza, the NL's second-leading hitter with a .338 average, left the game after being hit in the left wrist by a pitch in the first inning.

Nomo (11-6), who had allowed only four hits and no runs while striking out 31 in 23 innings against the Giants, gave up seven hits and six runs in five innings.

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Florida 5, Philadelphia 1
Montreal 4, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 12, St. Louis 1
New York 18, Atlanta 3
Chicago 7, Houston 6
San Diego 15, Colorado 4
San Francisco 7, Los Angeles 2

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Detroit 7, Baltimore 4
Boston 5, Milwaukee 3
New York 5, Toronto 3
Cleveland 8, Chicago 2
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3
Oakland 3, California 2 (10)
Seattle 5, Texas 4 (11)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division			
Atlanta	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	66	68	.493
Pittsburgh	62	71	.468
St. Louis	60	72	.456
Florida	60	72	.456

Central Division			
Cincinnati	W	L	Pct.
Houston	69	64	.518
Chicago	65	67	.493
St. Louis	58	75	.436
Pittsburgh	55	78	.414

West Division			
Colorado	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	71	61	.538
San Diego	65	68	.489
San Francisco	63	68	.477

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division			
Boston	W	L	Pct.
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Chicago	65	67	.493
San Diego	65	68	.489

European transfer system's future uncertain

LUXEMBOURG (Reuters) - European soccer was thrown into turmoil yesterday when the European Court of Justice was advised to rule that the sport's system of transfers and rules on foreign players were illegal.

Carl Otto Lenz, one of the court's chief legal advisers, said restrictions affecting soccer players moving across Europe should be outlawed.

He also said restrictions on the number of foreigners allowed to play in club competitions were illegal under European Union law.

The court must still rule on the case which raised the issues, brought by Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman, but opinions from advocates-general like Lenz are usually followed.

Bosman's lawyer, Jean-Louis Dupont, said he hoped for a final ruling early next year.

"This is a very significant day for the future of international football," said Gordon Taylor, president of FIFA - the international federation of players' unions.

Bosman, present in court when the opinion was given, thanked various European players' unions which have been backing him.

Soccer authorities had been dreading an interpretation of EU law like Lenz's, fearing it would undermine their system of player control.

Lenz was unequivocal in his opinion, which was based on a

124-page report.

"The transfer fee payable for the player by his new club infringes at least the player's freedom of movement," he said, referring to rules allowing clubs to demand payments for players who have reached the end of their contracts and want to move to a new club.

As for rules limiting players by nationality, he said: "The rules on foreign players are clearly discrimination by reason of nation-

ality ... and cannot be justified."

Lenz went even further, suggesting that to safeguard smaller clubs which depend on transfer fees for financial survival, a percentage of clubs' income could be redistributed - a system UEFA uses in its Champions' League.

Bosman's case started in 1990 when his proposed transfer from Belgium's FC Liege to Dunkirk in France was blocked by Liege.

Liege later suspended Bosman, who subsequently went to court.

Small clubs may suffer from ruling

SMALL clubs stand to suffer the most if the European Court of Justice's landmark ruling on transfers is upheld, English soccer officials said yesterday.

The Football Association said the interim judgment in Luxembourg on Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman's case "clearly has important implications for English football and the game throughout Europe."

Carl Otto Lenz, advocate general of the EU's highest court, said the tradition of demanding transfer fees after a player's contract has expired violates EU law. He said the limits on foreign players also was illegal.

Lenz's opinion goes to the full European Court of Justice for a final ruling later this year.

If upheld, the ruling would rob clubs of income and assets from transfers while making players more independent in contract negotiations. This could push some small clubs - and some of the bigger ones - to financial ruin.

FA chief executive Graham Kelly said UEFA would need to produce modifications recognizing

the wider interests of players as well as of the clubs, both big and small.

"If the transfer compensation system is not allowed to continue in some form, the implications for the smaller clubs and the game as a whole will be very adverse," he said.

Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, said the finding should not pose a threat.

Gordon Taylor, head of the English soccer players' union, said abolishing the transfer system would take away money from lower-division clubs and "in the long run that may limit job opportunities."

Taylor said there were 43,000 football clubs in Britain, and three-quarters of union members came from outside the top divisions.

"My main fear is a contraction in the number of players, but I felt this judgment was inevitable," he said.

At the same time, Taylor welcomed the end of restrictions on foreign players, saying the move would boost "imports" of talent from Africa and eastern Europe.

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Israel will stay in European WHO

ISRAEL prefers to remain in the European region of the World Health Organization - even in an era of Middle East peace, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said yesterday.

However, Sneh said Israel intends to have "the best of both worlds" by getting involved in re-

gional health projects and fostering medical cooperation with its neighbors.

Sneh was speaking to reporters during the WHO European region's annual meeting, now being held in Jerusalem. Regional di-

rector Dr. Jo Asvall said it is up to each country to decide what regional organization it wants to join, dependent on approval from the WHO's assembly.

Asvall said the European region now has 50 members instead

of 30 five years ago, due to the breakup of the Soviet Union and the changes in eastern Europe. Nine of them have been at war with each other or had civil wars, and this has caused a deterioration in their populations' health. Diphtheria is a serious threat in these areas, he said.

Jews more susceptible to effects of radiation, studies show

US studies have shown that Jews are more susceptible to the damaging effects of radiation than non-Jews, which means that Jewish residents of the Ukraine could be more likely to suffer from the aftereffects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

According to the studies, Ashkenazi Jews are three times more vulnerable to such effects and North African Jews up to nine times more susceptible.

These results were disclosed yesterday in an interview with Dr. Keith Baverstock, a radia-

tion scientist in Rome for the World Health Organization.

Baverstock, a British radiobiologist who is monitoring the effects of the 1986 nuclear reactor explosion, says that no one has explained the reason for the seeming higher risk for Jews.

In any case, the risk of thyroid cancer among children exposed to radiation is still low, he stressed. The WHO's Chernobyl project in Belarus has not examined the effects of radiation on

specific ethnic groups, he said. But differences in reactions are not surprising, among any large group of individuals, for example, some have much stronger reactions to radiotherapy, he said.

The WHO intends to launch a case-controlled study in Minsk to compare various groups and look at factors that may affect the influence of radiation.

Organizations of immigrants from the CIS have complained in recent years that the Health Min-

istry has declined to screen them for diseases that could result from the Chernobyl disaster.

Instead, health funds simply treat any diseases that appear.

Screening healthy children for the early stages of thyroid cancer (when it is curable) requires palpation of the neck by an expert and ultrasound to determine whether any lumps are tumors.

A screening program is expensive, noted Baverstock. "but it might be a good idea for all immigrant children from the area to undergo palpation," he said.



Ruth Harris, incoming president of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, hands a flyer and bumper sticker promoting road safety to a driver yesterday. Some 600 Rotarians handed out the material at hundreds of locations across the country. (Joe Malchin)

Egyptians say they found mass POW graves

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egyptians said they have identified two mass graves in which Israeli soldiers buried unarmed Egyptian prisoners-of-war during the Six Day War.

An expedition to the Sinai peninsula, organized by the government newspaper *Al-Ahram* and guided by eyewitnesses to the alleged events, found human bones in shallow graves at an air base and a desert valley near the coastal town of El-Arish.

But a report on the expedition, published in the newspaper yesterday, said they did not find any complete skeletons, only bones and fragments of uniforms. It attributed this to erosion and natural decay.

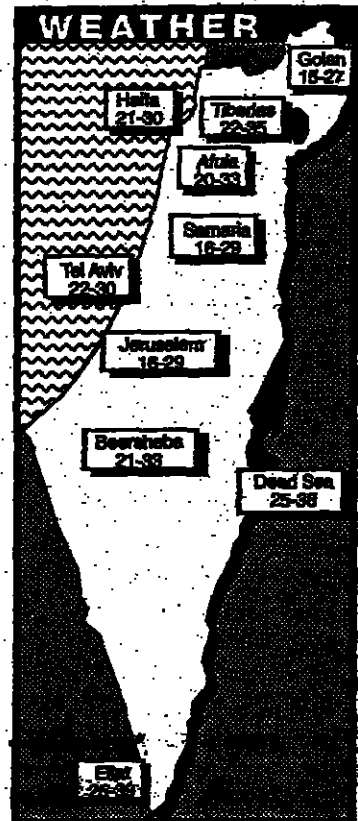
Former sergeant Abdessalam Mousa, the expedition's guide to the air base grave five kilometers from El-Arish, said he was in a group of Egyptian prisoners who saw the Israelis shoot other prisoners on June 7, 1967.

"I saw a line of prisoners, civilians and military, and they opened fire at them all at once. When they were dead they told us to bury them," he said.

The newspaper gave no numbers and no explanation for the Israelis sparing some of the prisoners.

In the Midan Valley, 27 km from El-Arish, Beduin showed the expedition the site where they said IDF soldiers killed 30 unarmed Egyptian POWs.

One of the Beduin, Sheikh Sulaiman Moghmem Salama, said: "Lorries arrived loaded with troops. One of them stopped and more than 30 Egyptian soldiers got out and the Jews opened fire at them with machine guns a few meters from the asphalt road." The Beduin then buried the prisoners, he added.



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Geneva	16	27	C
London	17	28	C
Madrid	18	29	C
Moscow	19	30	C
New York	20	31	C
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Ashkelon	Opposite Bus Station	8:00 a.m.	15
Ashdod	Bus Station	8:30 a.m.	15
Safed	Yigal Allon Center	7:30 a.m.	15
Beersheba	Bus Station	7:30 a.m.	15
Arad	Bus Station	7:30 a.m.	15
Dimona	Matnass Dimona	7:00 a.m.	15
Haifa	Alongside Bus Station	8:30 a.m.	10
Tel Aviv	Hechal Hatarbut	8:30 a.m.	10
Ra'anana	Yad Iehanim	9:00 a.m.	10
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